

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH :- SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Dear Dr. Speer:

Many Thanks for the loving gift of your book on George Bowen. I am reading it now with great joy and delight.

The dentist who took care of you here was Dr. W. G. Marshall, Boston Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. He is a very staunch member of our church.

Note our interesting plans for January. May God bless you for your great ministry here.

The Pastor

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December 19th-1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn:

My Dear Dr. Speer:

I am sending this note to Lakeville, as that is the place in my mind that is likely to reach you, although I am not sure.

The other day I received a book entitled: "George Bowen of Bombay." I take it from the notation in the book that it came from you. I want to thank you for this gift. I am reading it and finding it very interesting. It was very kind of you to send it, and I am grateful for your gift and thought.

We are still remembering the very fine fellowship which we had here in November. I wish that it might have been longer. It was a great joy to Mrs. Lindsay and myself to have you in our home. Your writings and work have always been a great source of inspiration to me. So many books are written with so little thought and inspiration which is stimulating. Mrs. Lindsay would be glad to join with me in the greetings of this great season of the year, for both you and Mrs. Speer. With all good wishes, I am,

Yours truly,

Marcus E. Lindsay

Methodist Episcopal Church.

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150 FIFTH AVENUE,

Edw. J. Andrews

NEW YORK, Feb. 14, 1903., 189

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,
No. 156 Fifth ~~MR. SPEER.~~
New York City.

My dear brother Speer:

I wish I could aid you materially in the memoir you propose to write concerning George Bowen.

It is, however, now 26 years since I met him in India and I do not know that I possess any manuscript of any kind from his pen. It is barely possible that by much research among old letters and papers I could find some word from him, but this does not seem probable to me.

[He was a Saint, pure, spiritual, self-sacrificing, full of simple victorious faith, and full of ^{the} missionary spirit of his Lord. His book of "Daily Readings" is one of the choicest of the devotional works of my library, and I never take it into my hand but what it brings to remembrance

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of what I saw in his life, and emphasizes with unusual power the particular utterances of the successive days. I think that his general characteristics would be rather those of the mystic than of the executive and administrative ^{service} ~~service~~ of the Lord Jesus Christ. He lived continually in communication with his Lord.

I trust you may have great success in securing from others, if not from myself memoranda of the life of this most memorable man.

Very truly yours,

Edw. G. Moros

February 11th, 1903.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

Your letter of December last in reference to material for a life of George Bowen has had such attention in the way of rumaging among old papers, etc., as I have been able to give. Expecting to leave for the South this week to be absent for two or three months, let me give you, before I go, such facts as I have gathered though much more meagre than I had hoped.

As to other directions in which you might make investigations, you will notice in my paper on Bowen in our Mission Journal of Aug. '88, the names of a number who were in the seminary with him and became missionaries. One of these was John W. Dulles, afterwards Secretary of our Publication Board. It is not unlikely that he might have corresponded with Bowen, and possibly, if so, letters may be in possession of his family. See William Dulles about this. H. Clay Turnbull has recently published a book of his recollections of early missionaries which I have not seen but which may possibly contain some notice of Bowen. The incident in my article about missionary ladies collecting money for a new suit of clothes for him was related, if I mistake not, by Mrs. Hume of the A. B. C. F. M. I am not sure whether she is living. She or her son, the Missionary Hume, now in India, could doubtless furnish some material. In the sketch of his life prefixed to Dr. Hanna's edition of "Daily Meditations" he quotes from the published

"Memorials of Robert Brown, Esq." and refers also to Dr. Norman MacLeod's allusion to Bowen in his "Peeps at the Far East", pages 48-49. I remember hearing Dr. Robert Booth quoting what Prof. Seely had said to him about Bowen, on returning from a visit which he, Prof. Seely, had made to India while Bowen was living there.

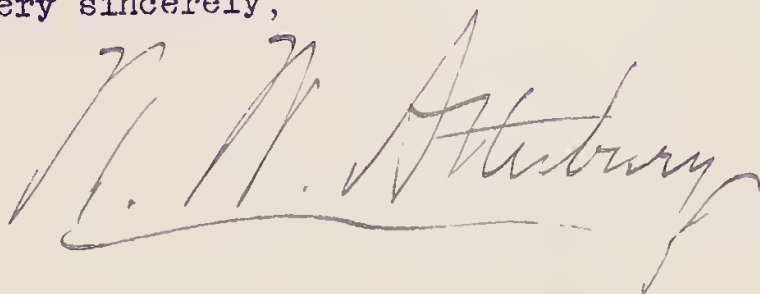
The only published writings of Bowen that I recall beside the "Meditations"; "Love Revealed"; "The Amens of Christ", is a novel entitled "The Pupil of Rafael", written when he was a young man on his return from his long European journey. I remember that it was highly spoken of for its criticisms upon Italian art. Possibly it might be found in the Mercantile or other library.

I have quite a file of letters to Bowen from his sister Harriet. These my niece, Mrs. Weston or her sister, Miss Minnie ~~Simpson~~ ^{Stinson}, will look over, and send you any of them that ~~might~~ ^{may} furnish facts of interest in reference to George Bowen. It is possible that inquiries may be suggested to which I may be able to give you answer. ^{S. C.} The remarkable letter of Bowen's to my brother which you have in typewritten copy, needs one or two verbal corrections. First page second paragraph; "I write now". Second page 13th line, last word read "frames" instead of "forms". 20th line "A most important resolution" instead of "revelation". Next line read "reception" of any blessing" instead of "acceptance of my blessing". Five lines further read "wound the apple of his eye". Last line but two of same paragraph, read, "immeasurable region of God's own peace".

I very much regret that I cannot find any of Bowen's letters to me. I must have had them before me in writing the sketch which I did, but do not know what became of them. I find in my brief dairy during 1844-47 occasional references to conversations and interviews which I will note in the accompanying memorandum, together with such facts as I can recall, in chronological order, which perhaps may be of some service as you say, as a working basis.

There are one or two surviving kindred of the Bowen family, but I don't think George Bowen was in any correspondence with them. If subsequently anything else occurs to me likely to be of any service to you, I will let you know.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. N. Anthony". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Yours very sincerely,". The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the bottom.

To Mr. Rankin

31 Bible House

Apr 27/92

My dear Mr. Rankin

I sent the letter to Dr. Cuyler with a note urging him to write a sketch of Brown. He has just replied that with other engagements it is utterly impossible. He adds "Your own sketch of Brown cannot be improved. Why not use that?" - referring to my little tract. Of course the sketch published w^d be welcome to any use of this - But what he wants is something fuller

Yours very truly
W. W. Whitman

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My dear Sir:

In a conversation with Mr. C. H. Fahn on Saturday he told me that you desired all the material you could find relating to Rev. George Bowen. We have 22 references to his life in various books and periodicals. I presume many of them would be of value for your purpose. I can have them neatly copied for you, ^{in full} at the rate of 20 cents per hour by my student helpers. This year, in connection with our work we have established a research bureau and the workers have already earned over \$200. in this way. The library requires no fees and the entire amount goes to the student. I am constantly on the alert to secure work for "the workers". I regret that our file of the Guardian begins with 1890 so that cannot help.

Cordially
J. G. Ayres.

MAR 3, 1903

MR SPEER.

March 2

1903

My dear Mr. Speer:

The References we have on George Bowen
are as follows

Seventieth Report of the Missionary Society of M.E. Church, 1888, 229

- ✓ ✓ Taylor, William, The Story of my life 633
- ✓ ✓ Thoburn, J.M. India & Malaysia 429
- ✓ ✓ Taylor, Four Years Campaign in India 236, 237
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love by Mr. B. 163-169
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• Bowen 1888. 416-419 What is success 520, 521
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- W Badley, G.H. 'A saintly worker crowned' in Central
Christian Advocate Apr 4. 1888. 210 2½ columns
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Funeral & Memorial Services Indian Witness Feb 11. 1888
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W Osborn. Dennis Sermon on the death of G.B. Indian
Witness Feb 18. 1888. 75

Funeral & tribute

~~Tribute~~ From the Times of India, Indian Witness Feb 18. 1888. 80

W Christian Advocate Feb 16. 1888. 108

Thoburn. Jm. "A Royal missionary Called Home" by

Feb 23. 1888. p 20. 121.

W Gospel in all Lands. 1888. 135.

I am sorry to say that our Bombay Guardian
begins subsequent to his death.

As to the time it would take I do not know. You
may have most of the references. The charge for the work
of the men is 20 cents per hour. They get it all.

Perhaps \$10. would cover it all.

Yours cordially

J. T. Ayres.

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May 19 1908

Mr. Speer.

May 15, 1908

Mr. Robert C. Speer,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Speer: I am sending
you for Mrs. Osborn an extract from
a letter about Mr. Geo. Bowen. She
thought it might be of value to you.

You will not forget that May
26 is our date for Commencement. The
service is to be in Hawson Place M. E.
Church. Kindly come a little early to
the Chapel. I will send program in
a day or two.

Very sincerely yours,
Hester Alway



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Extract from a letter written by ^{the late} Rev. Dr. Robert
Aikman of Madison N.J., to the Rev. Jas. H. Dill

"During my Seminary life I became acquainted with a man who comes nearest to the Model Christian of anyone I ever knew. He was my classmate, George Bowen, now Missionary in Bombay. If we ^{ever} can have a few hours together, I will give you his history. He opened up to me visions of attainments, & held before me for years the example of the most spiritual life I ever saw. I have ever since had my eyes open in some measure opened as to the way. He made all of Jesus. During one year, or more he lived as ordinary Christians do, during all the years since, he has lived as he now does, peaceful, useful, fit to live, ready to die - The former period (the he never)

doubted his conversion that I know of) he
termed his state of unbelief, the latter ~~his~~
his life of faith.

Copied by - C. D. D.
for Mrs L. S. Osborn

Dec. 15. / 03.

Interview with Dr. Weratzenburg, October 7, 1905

Boman's two sisters and his brother Frank all buried in
one grave. Frank was the renegade. He was shipped off on a
vessel by George before George changed his life and went to the
Eastern sea. ~~George~~ He'd not hear from him for 6 or 8 years
then turned up a free and handsome sailor. Had been en-
gaged in navigating in the Eastern Indies. When he returned
George had gone to India and all the family had been converted.
It was a different atmosphere. So he went again to the East.
George would hear. He was a gentleman and a gentleman's son
smooth tongue and bright. Now and then a check would
come anonymously from Frank through Bloodport. ^{He} The father
had failed. He was a wholesale commission merchant who
had got into some trouble with the firm. He gave up a
handsome home and boarded in East Washington where
D. Atterbury's brother John came from Detroit and
boarded at the same place. John had long been a friend of
George Boman before John had gone west. It was providential

that John who was his dear friend came to him just then.
 The long meetings came on and George at one legend at the
 from messages, and John had been a lawyer in N.Y.

George called at the home of Dr. Atterbury's brother Lewis
 in N.Y. on Jan. and would talk of nothing but his
 new life in Christ. Some Catholic friends thought he ought to
 be a religious. A minister ^(Dr. Stratfield) of the Pope thought he was a bit
 of mentally because George thought it was true!

Some years after this Frank Brown turned up in N.Y.
 He had been commander of a whaling ship. In a meeting
 had changed a number of them on a part seen. Then he
 was on a steamer (highly paid?) during the Civil War.
 The vessel was seized on the coast of Africa by a U.S.
 cruiser. The Captain (Jordan) and crew were taken off
 and brought to America and hung. A man named Brown
 was among these men - but it was not Frank. Frank told
 Dr. Atterbury that he had been a bit vessel as first

Officer and had been left on board. He said that he had often been caught but had sailed off from under the nose of his captor. One day word came that he was to be taken off his ship to the prison. That night a little boat came drifting along under his window and he jumped in and got ashore. Somebody had connived at his escape. The other men were hanged. He then came to his ship. He had money given to him in Cuba as a reward of his participation in the Patriot war but could not collect.

Mr. B. B. Atterbury, the father of Mrs. Keenan Van Rensselaer, gave him a set of instruments and he went off to the East again.

Next they heard that a ship of Philadelphia had gone to Mexico about Walker's time and that he was on that. The ship was blockaded but he escaped. He said that he knew all about this harbor. And returned to America. He knew about his father who helped him. One day

he wrote to them that he was going to kill himself. They
 asked Dr. G. to go to see him. He did and told
 Frank that this was the best thing he could do with primary.

Frank was a gambler. He told Dr. G. that once on a
 voyage he landed in France and went up to Paris and
 soon had all the money he wanted.

Dr. G. took him to live with him in Westchester Co.
 and he lived there quietly.

Kat Brown was on the clinical staff of the Board of
 Y.M. on 23 Centre St. Harriet taught French people
 under her breath from way

Dr. G. had some French ones - G. House from the Hotel V.
 John

When Harriet had a cousin took station was left

Rec'd Northfield
March 16. '92.

New York Sabbath Committee,

31 Bible House, March 15, 1892.

My Dear Mr. Rankin: -

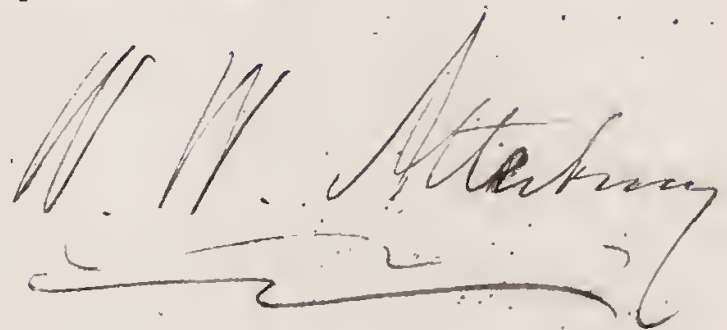
I wrote you yesterday about the Bowens, in which I said that I had not heard from England.

This morning I have received a letter from Mr. Paton enclosing a letter to him from Mr. Douglas, with a check for the Bowens of one hundred and twenty-one and fifty one hundredths [\$121.50] dollars.

Mr. Douglas says that both the "Amens" and the "Love Revealed" are now out of print. He is hesitating whether to reprint these two books; says he may possibly do so if he can get a good introduction from some popular clergyman, in which case he would give to the Bowens a moiety of the profits.

In view of what I said in my letter as to the failure of one or two of the contributors to the Bowen fund here, you will see how providentially this gift comes in. It must be pleasant for you to feel that God has used you as the instrument of bringing it about.

Yours very truly,



Mr. Henry W. Rankin
East Northfield
Mass.

17 East 38th St

Sept. 12 / 1892

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My Dear Mr. Speer

Returning to town today
in business I found your
of Sept 6. I have read with
much interest what you say
of the extracts from Mr. Robin-
son's letter. I had some con-
versations with him when he
was in the country, & if my
memory serves me rightly he
mentioned his purpose of preparing
a memoir of Bowen & I
agreed in case he did so, to
send him my help in my
power.

As it strikes me now, you
would be the best one to prepare

are at hand. But I feel
strongly that you are the one
to undertake the work.

I have heard from
Mr. Dwight since his return,
I have written to him that
I would do anything in my
power to further his views.
But you know what an
army of men flock to the
city in hope & seek em-
ployment in the south. We
have my warm sympathies.

I will be glad to under-
take the duty of another
missionary, if thought best.

But I will see you & so on

try to get from Mine-
back in a week or
the day's time - I had
hope to call at the
Mining Room today.

Yours very sincerely

W. W. Atbury

Mr. P. C. Steen

156 Fifth Ave.

Frank Brown - died Nov. '04
Funeral ^{services} - Nov. 24/1904,
Meth. Church, 1st Series, at 10:00
before I reached there - I went with
Miss P. to a few neighbors to in-
terest in Wood Lane Cemetery

Miss Harriet B. died at Wood-
lane Jan 1905. Funeral Jan
28 (Sunday) '05 - I took part
with 1 pastor (Catholic) - Miss
Brown, Cousin of Miss P.
were there, & 2 relatives from
Phil.

Dorothea

Memo. of Geo. Bowen
Dr. Waterbury

My acquaintance with the Bowen family began when I was a boy of 10 or 12. They were near neighbors, in the City, of our family. The Bowen family consisted of the father, a wholesale merchant in comfortable circumstances; his wife; George; Harriet; Katherine, and the youngest, Frank, a boy of my own age. George was especially intimate with ^{one of my} ~~an~~ older brothers, John G. ~~Atterbury,~~ a graduate of Yale, practising as a young lawyer in this City. As I recollect, they were not at all a religious family although the mother, a very kind and motherly lady, occasionally attended an Episcopal church in the neighborhood. After a year or two our acquaintance with the family was somewhat interrupted by ~~our~~ removal to another part of the City, and by my going to college at New Haven as well as by the removal of my brother J.G.A., to Detroit where he established himself in the practise of law.

During this interval George Bowen spent three or four years in foreign travel, much of the time in Italy, and making a trip if I remember right up the Nile, unusual in those days. The father met with business reverses and when George Bowen returned to this country, he lived rather a recluse life, devoting himself to literature, music, etc. The younger son Frank proving wild and unmanageable, they sent him to sea and little or nothing was heard of him for a long time.

In April, 1844, having finished my college studies, I was in the City, and as my father's family had just moved over to Paterson, N. J., I boarded ^{for a few weeks} ~~temporarily~~ in the same house in which

the Bowen family boarded at that time. It was in West Washington Place. A note in my diary April 27, 1844, says of George Bowen; "he appears to be very studious--busy all day in his room reading and writing". In some conversation had with him on the subject of religion I was surprised at the candor and interest in the subject which he manifested -- so different from what I had supposed to be his attitude in this matter heretofore. He was however, reticent about himself and made no reference to any change in his views. Of course, naturally, he would not speak with much freedom on such subjects to one so much younger than himself. Just at this time my brother J. G. A., who had become an earnest christian a year or two before, and had decided to give up the law in which he had been very successful for the ministry, and who had been pursuing theological studies, while making the change, under old Dr. Duffield of Detroit, came to the east for further study in New York and New Haven. I mentioned to him my conversation with George Bowen and said that I thought his religious views were evidently undergoing a change, and was glad that he would have the opportunity of conversing with him. I was called away from the City for a fortnight, and on my return was surprised on being told that George Bowen had become a Christian. The story of those days and of the steps by which he was led to Christ; of his attending the May anniversaries, and of the devotion of himself to the missionary work, is told in my published sketch of him. Here are one or two items from my diary:-

May 11, "John hopes G. B., is a Christian. He has had much conversation with him". A few weeks later:- "G. B., tells me that he thinks his sister Harriet has met with a change of heart and that he thinks of entering Union Seminary in the fall, and hopes that I will pursue my theological studies there with him." In conversing with Miss Harriet, she spoke of the change in her brother George, and said that never before had she believed in a change of heart. Later in the summer he wrote me that his father had met with a change and that his two sisters have united with Dr. Skinner's church which he had previously joined.

That fall I entered the Seminary at New Haven and George Bowen entered Union Seminary. Visiting the City during the Christmas holidays, in a long conversation referred to in my diary, he told me of his purpose of going as a missionary. Our interviews were always very helpful and the one great theme was ever prominent. His conversation was quiet, thoughtful, with no excitement or exaggeration, and ^{entered into} ~~entered~~ in prayer whenever circumstances permitted. I remember how simple, childlike ^{with} ~~the~~ quiet, gentle voice, his prayers were. On New Year's day, following the custom then prevalent, he made a call upon the family of a friend with whom I was staying, and I remember their speaking of that interview, and ^{as so unusual as} ~~that~~ his conversation was almost wholly on the one theme, which occupied his heart. About that time I remember ^{the fact} hearing that a ^{which I was told} pastor in the City (himself an earnest Christian) had said of Bowen; "^{is} ~~was~~ he not a little out of his mind", or words

to that effect, simply because he ~~really~~ talked and acted as if religion were a reality.

Occasional references to Bowen in my diary are briefly as follows:-

Oct. '44. "Letter from G. B., says he believes his ^{father} family has met with a change of heart. The two sisters have united with Dr. Skinner's church. What a wonderful change within these few months past in their family".

Dec. 30, '46. (In New York on vacation) "Long talk with Bowen about going as missionaries".

Jan. 9, '45. "Observed as a day of prayer for the conversion of the world; with Bowen to attend the services at Dr. Erskine Mason's church".

Jan. 14, '45. "On way back to New Haven, called to see G. B., an hour's interview with prayer".

April '45. (In New York) Saw G. B. He gives an interesting account of the missionary spirit in his class in the Seminary. Had interesting conversation on religion with his father and sisters. Miss Harriet spoke freely of the change in her own heart, alluding to my visit of the year before [✓] to our conversation at that time, and of the great change in the family since. After church Sunday afternoon, with George Bowen to the young men's prayer meeting. About 12 present; a delightful hour".

May 11, '45. Sunday afternoon after service, young men's prayer meeting at which George Bowen led. An interesting time, we

consecrated ourselves anew to the service of God."

Jan. 6, '46. (In New York on vacation) " A long conversation with G. B. He told me that for the last two months he had enjoyed almost uninterruptedly a high degree of joy in the Holy Ghost. Spoke of his loaning a copy of Dodrige's "Rising Progress" given him by J. G. A., which had been instrumental in the conversion of an old man in his tract district. He referred to his experience in the summer as a colporter and earnestly advised a similar work for our next spring vacation. (This item interesting as being the date of that remarkable letter to Rev. J. G.A., of which you have a copy. It was in this conversation if I remember rightly he made the remark to me referred to in my printed narrative that, under the sense of God's love to him, his joy was sometimes greater than he seemed able to bear, and that he had been glad when night came to bring rest to his body wearied with excess of joy).

March 11, '46. "Letter from G. B., speaks of the remarkable work ~~in the spirit and progress~~ ^{of grace among the students} in the New York Seminary. How remarkable his own experience in the divine life compared with that of the ordinary christian!"

March 17-'46. "At our prayer meeting (in New Haven Seminary) this evening read Bowen's letter. Another student confirmed the account there given of the work of the spirit in New York Seminary."

[Occasional brief references occur, to conversations with G. B., when in New York.]

Mr. P. H. Co. Bowen

Apr. 25 '47. Sunday - 4 P.M. at the Sixth St. Ch. [The man in the end like a small ch - N.2. Dodge, elder & leading man - Church afterwards merged into the 14th St. Ch. S.P. members - 9 of them - was rather disappointed that he did not, much as written a more studied discourse - Still it was rich & suggestive, & of which service was marked May 14. by the spirit of the man -

April 25, '47. "Called on G. B. As usual an interesting and profitable interview. He said that he had long sought for some view of the glory of God in Christ and to this end had looked ~~at~~ Christ as a prince ^a reigning monarch, but was at last led to see that the highest manifestation of God's glory was in Christ as the Lamb slain. Compare Revelations 4th-5th. He sometimes illustrated ^{his} these to himself by supposing himself conveyed by an angel through one heaven and another, at each discovering new glory, 'till at length he was about to reach the highest, the immediate presence of the Saviour in his brightest glory, and there when he expected a gorgeous throne, etc., he beheld the man, spit upon, abused, persecuted, slain!

July 7, '47. "A letter from my mother mentions that G. B., had been to Paterson to bid them good-bye as he is to sail for India next week. Before leaving in the afternoon they all knelt down and he offered prayer, remembering the absent members of the family individually. I have written him a farewell letter to-day".

The story of his going as a missionary is told in my printed sketch of him, and of his subsequent experiences you will find record ~~of~~ in his letters to his sisters and other friends. In one of his letters I remember he mentioned his feelings in watching the scenery along the coast of India as the vessel sailed along, and ~~remarking~~ ^{thinking} that ^{as} there was no eye to admire all this affluent beauty it might seem wasted; but no; was it not enough reason for its existence in the fact that its Creator found pleasure in it. -

This was the only time I ever heard him in the pulpit - I remember distinctly the impression made upon me - great humility - quiet service, earnest manner - an echo of his own experience & an example of the Spirit - No attempt at eloquence or display - then a hearty, warm prayer, 15 minutes - then a hymn - then a benediction -

Soon after he sailed for India his brother Frank, after a long absence at sea, during which nothing had been heard of him, suddenly turned up in New York, and as may be supposed, was surprised to find the marvellous change in his family and that his older brother had gone as a missionary. He soon after went abroad again and nothing was heard from him directly for a number of years. Rumors of his being engaged at the East in the Coolie trade, and subsequently in even less reputable voyages came to the family, and once in a while money would be received by members of the family through a business house in New York evidently transmitted by this brother. Mr. Bowen's old parents passed away after a few years. His sister Harriet engaged in teaching private pupils while the younger sister Katherine found employment for a few years as a clerk in a mission house.

Later when Miss Bowen's failing health prevented her from teaching, the use of a house in ~~Portsmouth~~ ^{Portsmouth} ~~outside the city~~ was given her by a friend where she and her sister passed the remainder of their days. A circle of her former pupils and friends raised a small sum for ^{annually} ~~their~~ support ^{of the sisters} ~~annually~~ by which they were enabled to live in comparative comfort. When Mr. Bowen's book "The Meditations" was printed in this country, whatever profit came from its sale was by his direction given to his sisters, and during his life and after his death some contributions to their support were made ^{by} ~~from~~ the publishers of his two or three books in Great Britain.

Frank turned up in New York & lived with his sister for a few years before his death. Miss Bowen was the last survivor.

From various sources we used to hear of the high esteem with which he had come to be regarded ⁱⁿ India. Travelling on the Nile in 1866, I met an English gentleman in the Civil Service in ^{Bombay} India, who, in answer to my inquiry whether he knew Mr. Bowen, said, "Oh! you mean that wonderful American missionary; everybody knows him".

My brother B. B. Atterbury who had been also an intimate friend of G. Bowen in early years, on his trip around the world with Dr. Edward Prine, saw Bowen in Bombay. I think there is a notice of this in Dr. Prine's volume on that journey. Two or three months ago I met here in New York a cultivated Parsee gentleman from Bombay who had just been at the coronation at London. In answer to inquiries he spoke in the highest terms of Bowen whose memory was still fresh among the people of Bombay.

In Dr. Hanna's sketch of Bowen in his edition of "The Meditations" on page 6 of the preface, you will note a reference to a visit of a christian lady teacher to the young lady to whom Bowen was attached, during the sickness of the latter. Dr. Craven of our ^{Publication} Board told me that he knew this lady teacher, had heard from her of the incident. She was I think a relative of Dr. Craven.

The above meagre facts are all that I now recall.

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Mr. Robert E. Speer:

My dear Sir: In compli-
ance with your request - send-
me Coal Spring I herewith send
you such recollections as I
can command of Rev^d-Geo.
Bowen of Bombay.

Please bear in mind that
my acquaintance with Mr.
Bowen was confined to the
two years between March
1863 and March 1865 - more
than 40 years ago - While there-
fore I retain distinct - impressions
of his look and manner, words
and incidents have faded
so that it is unsafe to attempt
conveying them to another.

For this reason let me ask
that the matter herewith enclosed

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be not-used in the shape sent;
but- only as so much crude
material to be worked up by
yourself with other like ma-
terial you may obtain -

Yours very truly

A. W. Ballantine.

Recollections of Rev^d George
Rowen of Bombay from
March 1863 to March 1865 -

During these years Mr. R. was
not connected with the
Am. Board's Marathi mission
but kept up very friendly re-
lations with it. He was
Secty of the Bombay Tract-Soc.
and also of the Bombay
Bible Soc. At the same
time he edited the Bombay
Quarrier.

Two afternoons each week
he preached on the street - at
a place not far from the Tract-
House - Other afternoons
he frequently joined me in
my preaching from the steps
of our Mission Chapel.
In our chapel he regularly

attended on Thursday evening a Prayer meeting for English people, taking his turn in leading it.

In manner he was extremely modest; but in convictions clear and strong. As a man he was universally respected and beloved.

The then Gov^r of Bombay, Sir Bartle Frere, repeatedly consulted him regarding matters affecting education and religion.

On the other side I recall an expression of a certain Hindu of high caste, whom I encountered one day making disparaging remarks about the Christian Religion. In defence of Christianity I cited Mr. Bowen as an example. At once he made acknowledgment.

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"Oh! Mr. Bowen of course!
But - he is different - He all
worships Mr. Bowen."

The whole city held him in
this regard -

He was most-charitable toward
others; never speaking ill of
any; never assuming to
judge others' conduct; but -
extremely exacting with him-
self. In both dress and
food he was frugal - too
frugal his friends all thought -

For room he occupied a
corner of the Sals's Room of
the Tract-Society, concealed
behind some stacks of books.
There he had a desk, a wash-
stand and a narrow couch.

In the hot-season he used
to sleep on the counter, with
a pile of papers for a pillow.

His clothing, while kept -

carefully clean was thin, and usually ~~frayed and~~ threadbare. Once some unknown friend distressed at sight of his frayed shirt - ~~boomer~~ sent him Rs 25 with a request that he use it for a new supply. The next day he turned ^{over} the whole sum to the ~~the~~ our mission treasury, and continued wearing the old shirt.

He suffered much and often with severe headaches. For myself I have little doubt - they came from insufficiency of food. His breakfast was a Roll, bought from a near-by Bakery, with some simple fruit; usually one or two Bananas. His one hearty meal was a noon dinner in a private family, for which he paid by teaching the two or three

daughters, then in their teens. The family were in moderate circumstances, and it is likely their food was lacking at least in variety -

His suppers were almost - always at the table of some or other piece, but were little more than bread and tea. Of tea he was very fond, and could drink several cups.

For his evenings he had regular places where he was expected; usually in connection with some religious gathering - E.g., Every Tuesday evening there was a Bible Class at Col. Murray's, in which Mr. Bowen was the leader. The ~~class~~ study followed light refreshments. Every Wednesday evening there was a Prayer meeting at Dr. Fosse's (Editor of Bombay Times) - a member of the Plymouth

Prothman.)

Thursday evening came the Prayer Meeting in our Mission Chapel, above mentioned, where, he usually - as also on Sunday evenings, he usually took Supper with us: &c &c.

Mr Bowen was very fond of music: had once been himself a skillful player on piano; but had given it up. A piano at our Mission House and the playing of Sacred Music there by Mrs. Wallantine formed no small part of the attraction that brought him often with us. And we always enjoyed his coming, benefiting by his lovely spirit - and his wide and accurate and fresh information.]

Interview with Mrs. A. J. Barrows Jan 31, 1906.

Mrs. Barrows went out to Dublin at the age of 18 as the wife of a missionary. Bowen was ten 50. He worshipped her. She was then living in the book room, sleeping on the table without pillow or mattress. Mrs. Steger and others had put up a bed room for him but he said all the things she went out into the house for breakfast, evening, a little fruit, she ate no lunch. There were seven families who he always went for dinner. "Peasant man in Bowley," said one "had power" said the people "the richest man in Bowley" He said had such confidence in him that he could get any money at once. Charitable toward the poor and the idolaters, appreciated the religious side of Hindu life and got made more sacrifice than any one else.

Interested in Mrs. Barrows because she was young. She was left a widow at 19 and came home with five. Her husband was Mr. Chapin brother of Pres. of the Holyoke.

[Bowen brought her an year of marriage from a man

whom he had introduced to her a few nights before. Bowen had made it a matter of prayer that she should be kept in order. She had worn a fashionable dress with short skirts given by Miss Chapman and so were many people annoyed when she went laughing and frolic as missionary ladies could not wear it by statute law. Offer for the Poor minister of the big cathedral. Bowen had made all arrangements. She consented at his insistence that she should stay. Bowen had been working in next garden and reached up and got him and the three fatted of one as a commercial arrangement. Bowen would pay for the other men. Mrs. Barrons suggested that Bowen should have asked for himself.

When she reached England she found a great pile of letters from Bowen and from her lover. Bowen said it other men were making it a matter of prayer. When she reached U.S. she received a draft for \$1000 for her and

her sister to go back. I had been sent before to find a -
 some her superior old letter. He returned to night.

He then came on Capt. Stancov's ship and saw
 the photo of Mrs. Chapin.

Mrs. Chapin's letters was the matter in reading him
 just as to see Daisy. I went to China, then to Seoul -
 and about ten to back to Bangkok.

Brown later went asking to how all letters burnt and
 the picture returned.

Miss Barrows think she might have married Brown
 if he had asked her.

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New York May 6, '06

My dear Mr. Speer,

Here is an inadequate word about Mr. Bowen, not for publication, but to add one or two features to the picture of him in your mind. I am sorry that I can give you no facts about him. The trouble was he was all soul and you cannot photograph the soul nor describe it as you know it to exist.

Yours sincerely,

Isabel C. Barrows.

George Bowen of Bombay.

It is like looking through a pane of ground glass at moving figures to recall the image of George Bowen as I first knew him more than forty years ago. His was the first hand to clasp mine as I landed a happy bride, enthusiastic with the bright hopes of work in that far away land of India. His was the last hand I clasped when a little widow of nineteen I said good by forever to Hindostan.

The impression made on my mind by Mr. Bowen was that of a saint. I can recall no other man whoever so strongly impressed me as a true follower of Jesus. He would have been the first to disclaim such likeness, but we who knew the man all felt it. Like the Master he ~~h~~ served he had not where to lay his head. Several times the ladies of the mission had fitted up a room where he might, as they said, be comfortable. Every time he would sell the furniture to meet the wants of some sufferer, and when I knew him he was sleeping on the counter, without mattress or bed, in the book-room of Bombay. Perhaps more from him than from any other person I learned the precious lesson of the needlessness of things. Yet no one ever was nicer in person and appearance. He was as tidy as could be asked, and though his clothes were simple and few they were adapted to the climate and always presentable.

But one did not think of the clothes when one saw the man. His abstemious habits and the torrid weather of Bombay gave to him the looks of an ascetic. He was as thin as a rail, and brown as a Hindoo, but his eyes had a depth and serenity that showed a soul superior to the flesh. It seemed as if he needed and had only just enough body to keep his soul from drifting skyward in our very sight.

Mr. Bowen had many friends. First the people who knew and loved him for his inner worth. Then the people to whom he went as teacher, helper, guide,—the weak, the sinning, the suffering. His whole life was a gospel. He went about not only doing good, but living the gospel of good news. Hindoo or Parsee, Protestant or Portuguese Catholic, all respected and

honored him and those who knew him best loved him best.

To the world he seemed a very poor man, but I used to hear it said in Bombay that there was no man in the city who could command so much money. If famine came, or disaster befell the many or the few, his appeal was always heeded, because people trusted him.

As a companion Mr. Bowen was delightful. Of this I know more from watching him with others than from conversation with him myself. His great store of learning and his rare experiences in life, made him a noble companion for the most gifted. I did not aspire to much of it from my humble standing place of nineteen summers. But he was as genial with the young and even the little children as with the wise and learned who found him their master. I was told also that his thorough musical education in Italy added a great charm to him in society, but in our humble missionary homes we had no chance to hear him play and I do not know how much he used his talent in that direction.

Across the years I look back to him with peculiar reverence and love. He is one of the [^]may who have passed on for whom at times I yearn. It seems as though he were one of the saints ^{on} whom, did we canonize our saints, we should gladly call to help us in the day of temptation. His happiness in poverty; his serenity in trouble; his courage in danger; his gentleness to the weak; his charity for all, would seem to have fitted him to be the friend and helper in other worlds as well as well as in this. It is something always to be grateful for to have had the privilege of calling George Bowen friend.

(From Isabel C. Barrow, who was Mrs. William Wilberforce Chapin in Bombay 1864-5)

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[Handwritten initials]

New York March 7, 1906.

Mr. Robert Speer,

Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

The date of the editorial in the "Christian Register" on
Mr. Bowen was March 29, 1888.

Cordially yours,

S. J. Barrows

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Rsv. Robert Speer/

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My dsar Mr. Speer:-

Mrs. Barrows has gons off on a ten days' trip in the western part of the State to do some home missionary work, you know, in prison reform. The copy of the editorial in the "Christian Register", written after Mr. Bown's death, has just been received from Boston. They have not put on the date of the issue in which it appeared. I will try to get that. As you may wish to use this I send it without waiting until Mrs. Barrows return.

Cordially yours,

E. J. Kimball

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A Devoted Missionary.

Many years ago, a young missionary about to sail for an Oriental country was greeted by a very solemn woman with the question, "Are you sure you are not going for the romance of the thing?" Whatever may have induced any other man to become a missionary, certainly George Bowen was never persuaded to go to India from romantic motives. Pure devotion led him to give up home and land, and his life was one of utter consecration.

Little less than half a century ago, when the life of the missionary involved far more self sacrifice than now, he returned from Europe where in Italy he had been studying languages and music, in both of which he was proficient. Life was full of promise, and his friends looked forward to a brilliant career for him. Nothing could have been farther from their dreams than the reality which was before him. He was betrothed to a beautiful girl, whose graces equaled his own accomplishments. Through her sweet influence, he was won from ^a restless, faithless life of idle speculation, to unwavering trust in God. On the eve of marriage, death robbed him of his bride; but, so far from yielding hopelessly to despair, he at once girt up his loins for the conflict, and, strengthened by tender memories, set sail for India as a missionary of the American Board. From his arrival in Bombay in 1848 till his recent death, that city was his home. Not once did he return for rest or recreation to his native land. Never again did the eyes of his fond mother rest upon her boy, who went from her in the pride and glory of his young manhood. A score of years after he had parted from her, it was the writer's privilege to greet that mother with messages from her son, to sit at her cheerful open fire in a beautiful old-fashioned house in New York, and answer a thousand questions

about his life and work. Her longing to see him was intense; but she knew that it could never be gratified, for his entire consecration forbade any thought of return to America. Yet, though she sorrowed that she should see his face no more, mingled with her grief was a mother's pride in a son who was so loyal to duty. Her sweet submission was as beautiful as his own abnegation.

To have known George Bowen and called him friend was a life blessing. He embodied more nearly than any other man whose life has ever crossed our own the ideal of the Christian missionary. After a year or two of connection with the American Board, he severed his relation with it by refusing to take any salary from its treasury. Henceforth, like Paul, he supported himself while doing the Lord's work. In this way, he thought that he could come into closer sympathy with the natives, and thus reach their hearts and do them good. No service that he could render them was too humble, no life which he must live too hard. A part of his work was connected with the Tract Depository; and here, in those days, he made his home. His couch was the hard counter, which he ^{said} was better than his Master's, who had not where to lay his head. Some friends fitted up a small room with ^a comfortable bed and furniture. He gracefully thanked ^{then} them, sold it all, and turned the money into the Lord's treasury.

In food and dress, he was so simple that he himself told a friend that five dollars supplied him with food for a month. Yet, had he chosen, he could have fared like a king; for the best homes were open to him, and he was everywhere a welcome guest. For, though almost an anchorite in his habits, he was far from being morbid or gloomy in his manner. A spirit of sunny trust and cheerfulness accompanied him, and his friends were not made conscious of the presence of an ascetic. He won the confidence and trust of those with whom he came in contact, so that it was said no man in Bombay had the command of so much money for charitable

purposes. Year in and year out, he lived this quiet, unobstrusive life of self-denial, known and respected by European and native alike, till his name was a synonym of manly virtue.

Besides preaching and teaching and giving the example of godly living by his daily walk and conversation, Mr. Bowen exercised a wide influence by several religious books which he wrote, and through the Bombay Guardian, a weekly religious paper of which he was editor. As proof that his devoted life of self-denial was not the result of fanaticism, nothing could be stronger than this well-edited paper. The Missionary Review says of it, -it was "one of the most vigorous and best balanced Christian weeklies of the foreign mission field." The same magazine, in referring to Mr. Bowen, says of him with perfect truth: "He was a cheerful, self-sacrificing, devoted missionary and a loving and lovable friend. 'There was a man sent from God, and his ^{name} was' -- George Bowen."

Looking back over a vista of three-and-twenty years to that mission field, the images of men and women appear, -some lovable for one quality or revered for others, some vivid and never to be forgotten, others fading into obscurity; but it is no disparagement to the wisest and best, as they would be the first to acknowledge, to say that clearer, stronger, more inspiring than any is the image of the thin, pale man whose gaunt fingers swept over the organ keys and filled the air with sweetly solemn music, whose deeply earnest tones swept through the soul and stirred vibrations that inspired to holier living. It is a grateful task at this Easter time to pay this tribute to the memory of one whose influence is in itself immortal.

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13th June, 1912

My dear ~~Bro. Spier~~ ^{Bro. Spier},

I received your letter asking for some facts concerning dear Bro. Bowen while I was at General Conference, but I was so very busy there that I could not reply and since I have reached home I have, to be just, had to take letters in the order received to reply to. At my right is still a little pile to be answered in this same order.

With reference to Brother Bowen. When in Bombay I met him and at conferences, but I had not the privilege of knowing him intimately as some of you older members of the Conference did. [He was one of the most approachable men I ever knew, and hence though I believed him to be one of the greatest, spiritually and intellectually, I had ever met, I did not stand in awe of him as of some other great men I happened to know about the same time. I felt he was just as great as the greatest of them, but some how he was different.] I remember a Bishop whom I admired and loved, but it would have seemed to me the height of presumption on meeting

him not to have waited until it was his pleasure to recognize me before I ventured to address him. I remember once feeling highly honored by being privileged at this man's invitation to sit with him and have a talk about my home city, his home at the time, and the conditions in the field where I was at the time working. We were together for about a half hour. I think not for a moment of that time did I lose sight of the magnificent mental proportions of the man with whom I was talking, and of my own insignificance in comparison. I do not think he wished me to feel this. He was most agreeable and very kind in his treatment of some of my objections to certain statements he had made regarding the work, nevertheless, I could not lose sight of the fact he was a mental giant and I a mere pygmy.

When I met Brother Bowen his great genius and talent were lost sight of. He was Brother Bowen. In years he was old enough to have been father of some of us, but to every one of us he was brother, an elder, loving brother, in whom we could confide and from whom we were sure to receive invaluable counsel and help. He made himself one with us and in doing it he did not seem to have to make an effort, he never seemed more natural than with a young man or coun-

pany of young men. I had in mind an annual conference gathering, but with any company of young people he seemed a young person among the young. He was witty, but never frivolous. He was learned, but never pedantic. He was brim full of information on all ^{subject upon} ~~upon~~ which any of us thought, and his knowledge was at our command, but he never thrust it upon us. His accomplishments were many and of a very high order. What a delight it was to listen to his playing on the piano, especially if it was an impromptu production of his own. How careful we had to be that no word of approbation escaped our lips, and to keep him unconscious of the fact of our presence. Those were occasions to be coveted and never to be forgotten when once engaged. He was a saint. He belonged to Christ. He did not have to tell you this, you knew if you knew him. He lived his religion as naturally as a lamp burns and scatters its rays. I never was with him for any length of time without feeling that I must be better. I thank God I ever knew him. I never shall know this side of the grave how large a factor for good he has been in my life, but this I do know I am a better man for having known him.

Yours fraternally,
Albert H. Waker.

1728 Shuyresant Ave
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Hendon N. J.

Dec. '36

Dear Dr. Dubt Speer
156 Fifth Ave N. Y.

I have gotten together a few, very few recollections of Rev Geo. Bowen & I only wish I could think of more, but its so many years ago, that the many things I must have known do not seem to come to mind -

There are three missionaries living - contemporary with him, whose names I will give

Rev W. H. Stephens Poona India -

Dr J. Sumner Stone Pelham Road
New Rochelle N. Y.

Rev. C. E. Delamater Penny Farms Fla.

Also a Miss Dr Hunt in Calif - who may write you - As I don't have her address, I have asked a friend, to see if she has any recollection of Bowen or if he is dead to you - Very sincerely

Mrs W. W. Carne P. Brewer

Reminiscences of Rev Geo Bowen - by
Mrs W. W. Carrie P. Greene

The Rev Geo Bowen, was an American, a scholar, a musician.

He was an Atheist, ^{but} while travelling in Europe, was converted by reading a book entitled (I forget the title) I think you must have it.

Soon he felt the call to missionary work in India. Journeyed to India by sailing vessel around the Cape of Good Hope - This journey lasted six months -

He was taken very ill in India - The doctor ordered him out of the country - Rev Bowen refused to leave. Dr said - "Then I give you up -"

Bowen replied - "Dr I give you up -"
He remained in India forty years without a furlough - & died there -

I first met him in Bombay in '86 [He performed our marriage ceremony - at a Mission House - Afterward he sat down and played on my organ, which I had taken with me to India, from Boston Mass - He played so beautifully, that I asked him, what he played - He replied, "I don't know I improvised it." ^{Once when I was very ill, he prayed for me & claimed, "The gift of God are without re- pentance"} He was greatly beloved, very humble, sincere, deeply religious.

Very popular - rec'd daily invitations to dine at the homes of Anglo Indians and missionaries - He was our Dist Supt. so humble, that when

My husband Mr Rev² W. W. Bower asked him
to give him directions or orders, about the work in Bon-
bay, he replied, "I prefer to take orders from you".

My husband was not on salary when we married, as
he had gone as a volunteer to India at the call of
Bishop Wm Taylor, from Pennington N.J. Seminary -
Therefore he had no spare change - neither had I as
I went out to India in a Faith Mission -

Unknown to me, my husband got up his courage
and borrowed a small sum from Rev Bower, for
a short, inexpensive 3rd class wedding trip, to a near
by hill station.

Rev Geo Bower was of medium height, very thin
clothing hung loosely, wore a thin long ^{gray} beard -
had beautiful blue eyes - always wore a black silk
skull cap - never a sun helmet - worked early +
late - walked long distances, always first to visit
the sick, always ready to help the poor native
who came to him -

As a listener or preacher, he was usually at the
services held on the Sabbath, in three languages -
English, Marathi, and Tamil -

He had no cook, was very frugal, eating a
banana only for breakfast while writing at his
desk -

He literally lived the life of Jesus - preaching in
the churches or on the streets, and at a central
square, each eve at five o'clock -

Bishop Wm Taylor, first instituted street preaching in Bombay. crowds followed him from place to place. to hear the same talk, the blessed Gospel, which they never before heard in like manner. Among the converts were heads of families, from among the educated Eng-speaking Hindus, Parsis, and Anglo Indians, the latter members of the Ch of Eng.

Some of these became stalwart members of the M. & Churches, the Church of Eng. and Scottish Churches. These new converts were deeply attached to Rev Geo Bowen.

Great numbers of Hindus, who never did outwardly become Christians. revered him as a saint, a holy man.

In church while listening to a sermon, he had a habit of stroking his beard. Sir after watched him in church doing this -

A funny thing was that he had an imitator, in the person of a lovely Parsi Christian -

I have understood that Geo Bowen, was at first, a missionary in Calcutta on salary -

On hearing a native say, that the missionaries only worked for the salary they received - he gave up his salary and taught - Parsis, to pay expenses - Later he went to Bombay, where for years he

which was highly prized, in the home and a great blessing.

My recollection is that Bishop J. E. Robinson compiled 'Meditations of Geo Bowen, taken from the Guardian'

Romance - He loved a lady in Bombay, but she married an Am. missionary, so he never married -

My husband loved + revered Geo. Bowen and that was why, we named our only son for him - Rev. Wm Bowen Bruce -

Our son was born in Bombay returned as a missionary to India at the age of twenty six -

He laid down his life there after 3 1/2 years of service, died in a Bombay hospital and is buried in the same Bombay Cemetery, as Geo. Bowen -

An Eng. speaking M.E. church at Colaba Bombay is named the Bowen Memorial for Geo. Bowen - This is on Apollo Bunder (wharf) the gateway or main ship entrance to India -

My husband and I fell heir to the very large writing desk of Geo Bowen - when we left India we gave it to my son-in-law, Rev. F. U. Conner now at ^{at the} ~~at~~ ^{Bombay} Salampur Satara Dist - India

Geo Bowen was so humble, self sacrificing
self effacing, that when some man, who had
met him in India, sent him a large sum of
money from Eng. for personal use, he would
not keep it, but immediately despatched it
to Calcutta, toward the building of the Bishop
James Thoburn Memorial Church.

In his last years he broke a leg which was
the beginning of ill health. Later at an
annual Conf. in ^{M. Eng} Poona he took a severe cold
died in his sleep in an Am. private hospital
in Bombay - in the room next to mine where
I was convalescing, after my first letter one
was born - The Dr. came in my room
and said Bro Bowen is dead.

As his death was on Saty night - the funeral
was on Sun - at five o'clock - and ^{as there was} no Sun-
paper, very few, ^{comparatively} men of his death - but
literally hundreds of devout Hindus, were at
his interment at the Cemetery - showing how
they loved him -

Mr. Carver P. Bruere

R. E. Speer

JAN 8 - 1937

CARRIE P. BRUERE
1428 STUYVESANT AVENUE
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Ans. _____

Dear Dr Speer -

A little additional information re Bro. Bowen came today. I will copy - [I knew Bro Bowen only a little over a year, as he died the first part of my second year in India.

A few things concerning him stand out in my memory very vividly. The first few days after I arrived in Bombay with H.C. Stuntz & family Bro Proutch took me to call upon Bro Bowen. He lived alone in a little cabin-like house, as I remember in the vicinity of Grant Rd. Church. We talked for a short time and then when we were ready to go, he arose & closed the door, and we knelt with him in prayer. As I remember he prayed for the new mission and for the work that was being done by the missionaries in India. He came to India as a Presbyterian; & a short time after his coming. he joined the M. E.

Church. I think it was at the time that Wm Taylor was doing his great work in B'bay and other parts of India - [It was related to me by another missionary that Mrs Bowen in discussing a question of predestination evidently with some one who disagreed with him, as to the foreknowledge of God, asked the pointed question, "Who is there whom God did not foreknow?" Altho I saw him many times during the year and especially at Conference, one thing stands out most distinctly - that was that he was known as "the white saint of India", by the natives. And at his funeral the natives of all castes Brahmins & other high castes crowded about his fire swept like children, who had lost a dear friend.] There are other things which might be said about him, but these three things are remembered most distinctly by me. I should be glad to see the work over Dr Speer's compiling -

Rev. C. E. Delamater
Penney Farms Fla.

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October 17, 1936

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Robert:

You stir up all sorts of anticipations when you refer to the rich material that you have for George Bowen's biography. By all means let us have a copy for review purposes. I suppose Alden Clark would like to read it and review it, or, for that matter, we might get Edwards of Bombay who is at home now on furlough. There will be plenty of others, too, who would like to review the book if I once gave them a chance.

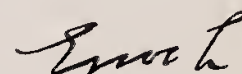
George Bowen, according to our Prudential Committee records, received his appointment as a missionary December 29, 1846.

Ever since I can remember we have spelled the name of country and people Maratha and of the language, Marathi. That "h" that you use and as I suppose was used originally, we never use and have not used for thirty odd years, I am sure.

Alden Clark is not here today, but I will send a note over to his desk in the hope that if I am wrong he will correct things at once in a note to you.

As ever,

Yours in the fellowship,



Enoch F. Bell

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Dr Robt E. Speer -
156 Fifth Ave N.Y.

Dear Dr Speer

In reply to your request for reminis-
cences of Rev Geo. Bowen - would
say I will be very happy to send
anything that I can remember -
will get the material together & send
shortly -

Contemporary with him were
Rev W. H. Stephens Poona India

and Dr J. Sumner Stone -
Pelham Road New Rochelle N.Y.

Possibly they could help you -

The Hindus regarded Bowen as a
"Saint":

Most of the 'old times' have passed
on, but just possibly Rev. Delamater
^{at} Penney Farms Fla. might have a
few recollections -

Very sincerely

Mrs W. W. Carrie O. Brewer

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FRIENDS' MISSION,

CENTRAL-OFFICE-

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C. P.

INDIA.

13th Dec. 1936

Dear Mr. Speer,

I am very sorry I cannot give you the information you require about the "Bombay Guardian."

It is still carried on under the name of "The Guardian"; published in Madras by a committee with a central Committee in England.

I am sending your letter to my brother in England, who will be able, I think, to communicate with the committee there, & I hope they will be able to give you

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the information you require.

Yours sincerely

Edith M. Backhouse

To Mr. Rankin:

COPY.

Bombay, August 11, 1885.

My dear friend:-

Thanks for your many dispatches. But it troubles me that you should be spending so much money in this dispatch of books. (You must not suppose that my literary appetite is at all what it was in early days. The greater part of modern literature is to me Vanity of vanities. I am none the less very thankful for the kind interest you show in me. But you and your friend might have left that Pupil of Raphael to its well deserved oblivion. I have not the slightest recollection of it, of the plot, the characters, the sentiments, not a solitary recollection, so that I cannot appreciate your friend's critique. One thing ever troubles me, viz. that you should not be experiencing the faith that God expects of you. Let God be true, though every man a liar. Instead of trying to justify this, that and the other man, justify God. Do Him justice. The same you would expect for yourself. As you would wish your own word to be honored, so honour his. Salvation is in that very thing. I was just on the border of despair in 1845, till on the 4th of December, I saw that all I had been seeking in myself, I had in Christ. I had been tormenting myself to looking hourly to my own heart for the dawn of a brighter day, looking, (if you please) for Christ in my heart rather than for Christ in the word, and I found life, joy and peace when I let go my own heart and looked to Christ alone. As the Israelitss looked to the brazen serpent.)

Yours ever in the Lord.

Geo. Bowen.

STRONG LETTER

Copy of a part of a letter from
George Bowen, which on his way to Bombay,
as a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M.

The face of nature - the more I
study it, the more evangelical does it
become. We have an emanation from the
Holy One - know all things. The fear of
the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Our
eyes must first be opened by Him who
is the Truth - the Son of Righteousness -
and only after that can we take our
just, right look at anything in nature
or in art, history or fiction, Heaven,
Earth or Hell. In the visible creation
there is that love that was manifest in
the flesh; love whose length & breadth,
height and depth are immeasurable.
I am continually stumbling upon the
foundations of the Bible when I roam

among the works of God: and the ray of light that comes tearing down to me at the rate of two hundred thousand miles a second, seems to have just heat enough to exclaim for Him that sent it - 'I am the good Shepherd, that giveth his life for the sheep', and then expire. I find this Calvary love breaking through every sluice and crevice in nature; but I find also the threatenings of the gospel. Jesus Christ came not to condemn the world. His errand was love; but it was a love that dealt both in promises and threatenings. The word of God revealed in the gospel is not retributive and decisive, but premonitory; as it were, the forecasted shadow of itself, intended, like His goodness, to lead men to

repentance.

And so with the wrath of God revealed in nature. It is not retributive for it is carnal, fugitive and undistinguishing. It forbids all men to look upon this world as a place of punishment - for all men know that the worse they become the more they love a residence in this world. But it is premonitory, and tells all who have ears to hear, that there is a greater wo to come, for those who fail to understand the loving kindness of the Lord. What I admire is, the particular amount of this element of evil, blended with the good of this world. The benevolence of God remains intact, and for their lives men can not escape the conviction of it. And

yet it is revealed from Heaven that He is something more than benevolent.

My habitual impression is that to create the new heavens and the new earth of prophecy, it will not be necessary to change the material world we live in, but simply the eyes with which we look upon it. Enough to bind the earthquakes, and bring back the volcanoes, and turn down the lightning; to throw out the few foreign elements introduced because of sin. Then, when our souls all alive with love to God, life would be a heaven indeed.

There is nothing truer than that man is dead in sin - his whole nature. I was not aware until this voyage how extensive was the empire of this

death in me. For I have seen that the least of the ends for which the beautiful works of God were given, is that material end which men consider the great one. Take an encyclopedia and read an article on light, and then be assured that the man knows nothing about it. He has found out some of its material properties and purposes; but though he had found out all, yet is he still a hundred of millions of miles from the intention of God in bestowing it. I believe that in all his works God addresses the soul; and this body of ours is simply the instrument for apprehending these external signs and symbols by which He addresses us. And I have felt that my senses are steeped in death.

The Bible, and every word of it, is sealed up, until ~~the words~~ God be heard in it; and everything in nature I conceive to be under the same seal. It gloriously exalts God, I think, to view him as singly intent upon addressing our spiritual natures. The tree has some higher mission than simply to give shade, fruit, fuel for the good of the bodies of men. Every leaf and fiber of it exists primarily to manifest the perfections of our God, to repeat in new strains the promises of the Gospel, and to do something towards the elevation of our moral natures. But it is only because man is without the Spirit that these effects are not produced. I assure you that as I was one day sitting in the

mizzen top, I was really frightened by the discovery of the awful death in which my senses had hitherto been bound. I was shocked at the thought of going out of the world, and leaving my body for the worms, before I had even discovered, or dreamed of, the end for which that body was given me. All other ends were mediate: the great end was the enjoyment of God. My senses of feeling, taste, sight, hearing, smell, were all given as so many senses by which God should communicate to me the knowledge of himself. And how had I been degrading them every hour and every minute of my life! Just as though all the gold in the world should be taken to

make spades and hods for day-labours;
and all the diamonds in the world
to give light to their other toil in
coal mines. When I filled with the
Holy Ghost, I could not eat a crust
of bread without some new enjoyment
of God. In connection with these thoughts
consider the passage: "I have formed
thee for myself."

Later he adds:—

In regard to what I wrote
you about yesterday, the true way
to enjoy God in external creation
is to mix up his words and his
works together. Practice this and you
will find the combination precious.

Consider the Sun as preaching to
you with intense zeal and burning
eloquence from the words: 'I am the

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light of the world' - or from others:-
'In him was life and the life was
the light of men'. Or, the moon
(shining by reflected light)
'from these: 'Ye are the light of the
world'. Because I live, ye shall live
also'. 'Beholding the glory of the
Lord, changed into the same image
from glory to glory'. 'Looking unto
Jesus'. 'As the Father hath sent
me into the world, even so send
I you into the world'. 'Without me
ye can do nothing'. 'Of his fullness
have we all received'."

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From the Central Office, 72/1, Jaun Bazar Street, Calcutta.

Robert Speer, Esq.,

30th April 1903.

Amer. Pres. Board of Foreign Missions,
New York.

My dear Speer,

I think you are preparing a book on Bowen, Bombay. I heard the Lord Bishop of Madras (Bishop Whitehead) give the enclosed in an address to the South India Missionary Conference in Ootacamund last year. I thought it might be useful to you.

My wife and self are now at Darjeeling and we are all fairly well. Hope you and your family are continuing in the best of health.

With happy memories and best wishes,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Sd.

R. Burges

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Admiral Spence

And then in the third place [let us also remember that in the kingdom of God no spiritual force is ever lost. No spiritual effort that we ever make, however secret, however apparently void of results, is ever wasted. In the spiritual and moral world as in the realm of matter there is a law of the Conservation of Force. One day we shall find that some of the most fruitful work in God's kingdom has been apparently barren of all outward fruit in the world.] [Two of the most apostolic and trusted missionaries in India of this generation, Mr. Bowen of the American Mission who worked in Bombay, and Mr. Philip Smith of the Oxford Mission to Calcutta never, I think made a single convert between them during their whole missionary careers.] Philip Smith, who was a very small and thin man, used humorously to say that he wished he were fatter, as he was sure that the Bengali babus looked upon fatness as a mark of divine favour and would not accept a religion which made people as thin as he was. But I feel sure that, fat or thin, successful or unsuccessful, he was a centre of a spiritual life and power which is bearing fruits of untold value in the spiritual world. Let us then try above all things to be spiritual men ourselves; let people take note of us that like the apostles we have been with Christ, and then we need not fear about the results of our plans and efforts. Our anxiety about results has been a source of great evil throughout the mission field; let us give up thinking too much about results and be anxious about ourselves. And if people know that we are "filled up," they will catch from us the fire of enthusiasm and love and the work of God, the message we have to deliver, will in God's own time mightily spread and prevail. ~~Harvest Field.~~

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February 24, 1937

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Robert:

In response to your inquiries in behalf of the Bowen biography, I have to confess that I know nothing of a George A. Kittredge in India. The only Kittredge I can recall was in Hawaii for a while. Alden Clark seems to think that there was a missionary of some Board in India, a Miss Kittredge. He associates the name in a rather vague memory with an American commercial family in West India. This is all we happen to be able to pass along to you on that particular theme.

Henry W. Ballantine arrived in Bombay on March 3, 1863 and returned to the United States April 30, 1865. He was released May 23, of that year.

William O. Ballantine, not William G., was the son of Henry W. He sailed from New York January 23, 1875 and arrived in India, January, 1878 -- according to our records, though I don't quite understand the entry. He returned to the United States in 1922 and died in Pasadena, California, May 3, 1929.

William O. Ballantine had a brother Henry in Bombay, India, but he was not, I am certain, a missionary of the American Board.

Mrs. S. C. Dean was the daughter of Rev. Amos Abbott. She sailed from America August 18, 1856 and returned to the United States in 1867. She died February 12, 1916 in Minneapolis. Our record says that she "assisted in women's work in Bombay 1901-1905." So evidently she went back to India for a short period.


Dr. Speer--2

Julia B. Greenwood was the sister of William O. Ballantine and therefore the daughter of Henry W. Ballantine.

Edward S. Hume sailed August 11, 1875 and arrived in Ahmednagar October 20, 1875. He returned to the United States September 20, 1903, and was released May 14, 1907.

I take it that you have called up Robert Ernest Hume of Union. He would remember quite a number of things that neither Alden nor I would recall or have record of.

Hastily but cordially yours,



Enoch F. Bell

EFB/M

Mr. Chas. W. Brown,
194 Waterman St.

Providence, R. I.

194 Waterman Street,

Providence R.I. Dec 18, 1909,

Mr. Speer,

Robert E. Speer Esq.
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Sir:-

I duly received your letter of 13th inst., and very much regret that I am unable to give you any information in regard to the George Bowen of whom you inquire.

He probably was descended from the common ancestor of the family, Richard Bowen, who emigrated with his wife and seven children from Glamorganshire in Wales in 1640, settled

first in Roxbury Mass. and with
39 other families under the leadership
of Rev. Samuel Newman in 1643,
founded a new settlement in Massa-
chusetts which they named "Rehoboth"
(The Lord hath made room for us.)

Richard had four sons viz - William
Obadiah, Richard and Thomas.

I am familiar, ^{only} with my own line
of descent from Richard, through his
second son, Obadiah.

I was pleased to learn from your
letter that the Genealogical Manus-
cript collected and arranged by long
years of patient labor by the late Rev.
John E. Bowen of Westport N.Y. had been

purchased by a Bowen of Princeton
(presumably of New Jersey) This is the first
intimation that I have had of its being
sold. Two years ago I endeavored to
interest some of the Bowens in this
vicinity to join me in its purchase with
the view to its publication, but the
financial troubles of 1907 prevented
my bringing it about, as the enterprise
required several thousands of dollars
for its proper publication.

Ever since then, I have indulged the
hope that a way would be devised by
which it ^{would} get be published, and I will at
once write to Mrs J. E. Bowen's daughter
(Mrs Geo. Houghton 61 Eagle St Albany N.Y.)

to ascertain if she has disposed of the
Manuscript, and if so, to whom.

As soon as I have a reply, I will
write to you again.

I will be glad to do whatever I
can to help the matter along, as I feel
a deep interest in its publication, and
I trust the Manuscript has fallen
into the hands of some one who
will have it published in a manner
worthy of its Compiler.

Again regretting my inability to serve
you in the matter, believe me,

Yours Sincerely

Chas. W. Bowen,

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194 Waterman St.

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Mrs Robert E. Speer

JAN 4 1910

New York

Mr. Speer.

My Dear Sir:

I wrote to you on Dec. 18th in reply to yours of 13th in relation to the ancestry of the late Rev. George Power of Bombay India regretting that I was unable to aid you in your efforts to gather information regarding his early life and family.

I think I gave you the address of Mrs Geo. Houghton 61 Eagle St

Albany N.Y. whose father the late
Rev. John E. Bowen of Westport N.Y.
Compiled the Manuscript of the Bowen
Genealogy, thinking you might desire
to communicate with her in relation
to the matter, as she could inform you
who was the purchaser of the Man-
uscript, thereby putting yourself in
touch with an authoritative source
for the information you desired.

Soon after writing to you I wrote
to Mrs Houghton, as I would very
much like to know into whose
hands the Manuscript has fallen,

As yet I have had no word from
her, and thinking you may have
been successful in obtaining the
address of the present owner, I
venture to write to you to see if
you are able to inform me if Mrs
Houghton has disposed of her father's
Manuscript, and if so, to whom.

I naturally am very much interested
in the family history, and sincerely
hope, the Bowen Genealogy may
ere long be obtainable in printed
form, and I would most gladly
do anything in my power to hasten

its publication.

If therefore you can give me the address of the present owner or holder of the manuscript, you will do me a favor which I would be very glad to reciprocate.

Yours Sincerely,
Chas. W. Dowan.

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Mr. Speer.

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Last Sunday evening Rev. A. Wesley Mell, formerly pastor of The Geo. Bowen Memorial Church, Bonway, was in my congregation and later in my home. He told me you were preparing a biography of George Bowen. Is this true - if so, when will the volume be issued?

There is no doubt in my mind that Geo. Bowen and my N.E. family of Bowens were from the same Welsh stock. Should you be interested in the early history of the Bowen family I have a brother in N.Y. - (Brooklyn)

who, I think, would be able to give you much information on that line and who, I am sure, would be glad to do so. His address is S. Clarke Bowen, 7 Forest Parkway, Woodhams, N.Y.

Rev. J. W. Bowen, Westport, N.Y., for fifty years and more a Methodist preacher, has gone more fully into the history of the Bowen family than any one I know.

I have pleasant recollections of you at the Northfield Conference in '91. At the time I was representing the Students Christian Assn. at Ann Arbor.

I was interested in your small volume of short biographies. I think such a book made up of "every-day heroes" would be a good thing. I have you contemplate anything further along that line I might give you material for one such every-day life - Cordially Yours -
Chas. A. Bowen

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MR. SPEER.

JAMES M. BUCKLEY, EDITOR STEPHEN J. HERBEN, ASSISTANT EDITOR

January 22, 1903.

My dear Mr. Speer:

I am unable to give you the slightest information concerning the late George Bowen, neither have I any reminiscences of any kind. If you will allow a quotation from Artemus Ward, "The best informed men have spots of ignorance," and you have happened to strike one of them in me.

I know of course who Mr. Bowen was; I know how he changed his relations; but that is practically all. If Bishop Thoburn was in this country he could tell you everything.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

J. M. Buckley

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Mr. Speer.

7 Front Parkway,
Woodhurn,

New York,
N.Y.

17th Nov. '09.

Dear Sir:

If you will write a line
to our Cousin Mr Clovis H.
Bourn Pawtucket Rhode Is-
land & ask him to give
you the full name & ad-
dress of the Bourn of
Providence who bought
the manuscript of the
Rev. John E. Bourn of West-
port New York I think
you will "get back" of what

You want, I knew the Rev.
John E. Brown (now de-
ceased) he was a scholar
& doctores wrote something
about the man you men-
tion.

Trusty You will find
what you are after by
following this lead I am,
Sincerely yours,

A. Brown.

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My dear Mr Peck

I met Rev Dr Jas
Denney of Glasgow at Northampton
the other day & we were talking
of Rev George Brown & his remarkable
history of his "Rural Meditations"
an edn pub in London & also by your
Society. Is it in print now? & can

you any of his life or story
of his former history? I have
the "attracting" tract "Consecratio
diti" & also a sketch written by
myself. pub. in "Congregatio" a few

years ago. I have been told
that you are (or about to do
to) editing a volume about
him - I know one of his
old classmates in College or

Knew him slightly. Who of
them are living who would
post me?

entirely as always

S. E. Bridgman

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MAR 15 1909

Orlando, Fla.

Mr. Speer.

Mar. 12. 1909

Mr. Robert - E. Speer:

My dear Mr. Speer: Replying to your letter of 6th inst. in regard to Rev. George Bowen. During the years 1863-65 I had the pleasure of rather intimate association with him. But you will realize that this was 45 years ago. Incidents become indistinct. Perhaps after returning home and helping my memory by such notes as remain from that time I may be able to send you something, and this I shall cheerfully do.

Yours very truly

A. W. Wallentine

Pawtucket, R. I., December 3, 1909.

Board of Foreign Missions,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have your favor of the 1st instant. I was not aware that Mr. Charles W. Bowen of Providence had bought the papers in question although I was aware he contemplated buying them. There are two Charles W. Bowens in Providence. One of them lives on Broadway and he should not be confounded with the Charles W. Bowen, 194 Waterman Street who ^{may} have the papers I believe you are looking for and can give you all the information you need. I am saying this on the supposition that the Charles W. Bowen bought the papers you are inquiring about.

Yours truly,

C. H. Bassett

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BOSTON, 23 Dec. 1902

Mr. Robert E. Spear,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York,

My Dear Mr. Spear:-

We shall be glad to make a little note concerning your preparation of the Bowen material. Possibly you may know that Mr. Henry W. Rankin, one of the Northfield helpers of Mr. Moody, has gathered considerable material with relation to Mr. Bowen and would doubtless be ready to co-operate with you. He is now at 119 Macon St. Brooklyn, N.Y.

Do you recall what Edward A. Lawrence says about Bowen in his book on Modern Missions in the East? I do not recall the exact text, but my impression is that he intimates that while Bowen was a very devoted man, the fruits of his missionary activities are not particularly in evidence in Bombay to-day.

But this if it were true, need not militate against a ^{appr} appraisal of the man on the side of his real greatness. I can remember as a boy my father used to read out of his daily meditations at our family worship.

Now let me offer all the friendly greetings and blessed hope which this glad Christmas season suggests, to you and your little family.

Very sincerely yours,

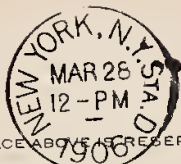
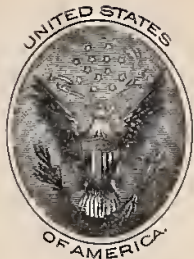
H. A. Bridgman

135 E. 15th St.

Mar. 28 1856

Dear Mr. Spear

Have you got
any reminiscences
from Mr. Kittredge
of Bowdoy - brother
of Rev. Mr. Kittredge
of? I think, Fifth
Ave.? Mr. Kittredge
was in Bowdoy
when I was there &
has been ever since
& must have known
Mr. Bowen intimately,
tho' of what a different
type! Yours - J. C. Parsons



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August 8, 1936

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

In reply to your letter asking about my father's papers I am sorry to say I have none of his diaries or papers. After his death and before my mother's, my sister Ruth and she prepared a brief sketch of my father's life which was published, and which you have doubtless seen. In doing so they went through all his papers and it is my understanding that they wrote that after the work was done the papers would be destroyed. But of this I am not certain.

My sister is arriving in New York from India next week. I shall send on this letter to meet her and she will probably take time to see you in your office or leave word there before she comes on to Delaware. I am sorry I can be of no more use than this.

Recently I ran across two old volumes in the library here giving an account of Bishop William Taylor's work in India, really his journal of his experiences there. It was quite thrilling to read of those men who, with my father and men like George Bowen began the evangelistic work among English-speaking people and eventually the work in other lines, many of whom I remember with real affection from my childhood days. I am grateful for the association of my own life with such heart-warming times, though I never had the privilege of meeting George Bowen.

Very sincerely,

Bessie R. Beal.

R. E. Speer

Aug 4 1936

Bessie R. Real

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Delaware, Ohio

August 22, 1936

Dr. Robert Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

My sister, Ruth Robinson, of whom I wrote as being due to land in New York on August 10, decided to come on directly she had landed, and was in New York only two hours. She did not get my letter and so could not see you about it.

She tells me that there are none of my father's papers which would be of any service to you such as you have indicated. Mother went over everything and handed on what she thought should be kept on various mission and historical matters to those who were able to make use of them, and then everything else was destroyed.

Yours sincerely,

Bessie R. Real.

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August 18, 1936

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Robert:

In your letter of August 17 you ask if the American Board Library has a copy of a little book by George Bowen entitled Seaside Discussions. I am sorry to have to report that we do not.

Our Library, by the way, has been pretty well dissipated. We have had to break it up because of no place in which to keep it. We held on to our archives and that is just about all.

Possibly we had George Bowen's book at one time. If so, we probably parted with it for a consideration at a time when we were trying to capitalize a bit upon some of our general books.

With warm regards, I remain, as ever,

Affectionately yours,



Enoch F. Bell

EFB/M

479 W. 152^d St. N. Y. C. . Dec. 5. 1905.

I have your request in reference
to Mr. Bowen's biography, and will
immediately give attention to it, -
tho' I fear I cannot aid you
greatly.

Fraternally,

For Miss. Bd.
106 5th Aven.
Presby. Hs.

Edwin A. Dulles



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For. Miss. Board,
156 5th Aven. Perby, N.Y.

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Dec. 23. 1905.

Dear Bro. Speer.

I have gathered, with a desire to aid you in relation to Bowen's work a few notes, which are herewith enclosed.

As I am about to send them to you, they seem to me so inadequate, that I forward them with much dissatisfaction.

I could explain this

in part, but it will be quite as well to pass them over to you, without ceremony, to be used or not used, as you may elect. And if there is discovered anything that is of service to you I shall be surprised and grateful.

Fraternally,

Edwin A. Bulkley.

George Brown was in alphabetical order was the fifth in the class of ~~1844~~ entering Union Seminary in 1844, and graduated in 1847. It numbered 35, and he took place in it as a mature man of 25, well advanced in study and scholarship.

The singular and striking circumstances which led to his Christian faith, and enlisted him for the gospel ministry and missionary service, are better set forth by class mates who were his intimates in the Seminary, his seniors by a number of years.

The immediate impression of acquaintance with him, and his life-behavior

was however very decided, and made itself apparent in every connection.

So absorbed was he in the ordinary and special studies of his profession, and in the fulfilment of his consecration to Christ, that he at times ^{seemed} absent-minded, and to depreciate the opportunities for sacred learning, which were greatly important in preparation for the ministry. Yet he knew that it would evidently be a mistake, not to give as much to the class room as to the chapel.

The recollection of his life previous to conversion made him distant and possibly ~~distant~~ ^{distant} to some.

But soon all saw that there was a sad sweetness in his character, ~~the~~ which was but the token of his happy devotion to his Master, and of his eager desire to have many equally enlisted.

In consequence he became very influential in a revival in the Seminary, and particularly in the missionary service.

No one of his fellows of that period failed to receive its impulse, and it has not been lost after many succeeding years, rendering the Seminary a mission institution in full destruction.

This interest in chosen

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work doubtless had much
to do with the unique and
independent work now under
taken in India, and will
long make the name of
Rowen a remembered name.

Our characterization of
him always seems to take
by reason of his peculiarities
and ardor. Methods
as employed by him may
seem insufficient and
mistaken. But his word
and work still continues
to live.

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Notes
relative to Geo. Brown

Robert E. Spear

Secy. Bd. of For. Miss

156 Fifth Ave.

New York City

Bessie R. Beal

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE, OHIO

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

September 9, 1936

Dr. Robert E. Speer
158 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

From your letter I judge that I did not make myself clear about my father's papers. My mother knew that he had given you his Bowen material and she made careful disposal of whatever belonged to history of missionary records. The rest she destroyed as being quite quite unimportant. I am sure nothing which you could have used was destroyed.

Yours sincerely,

Bessie R. Beal

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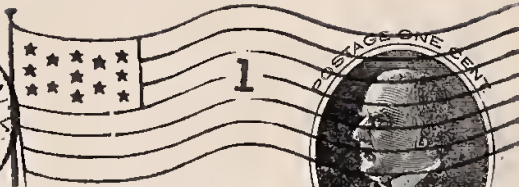
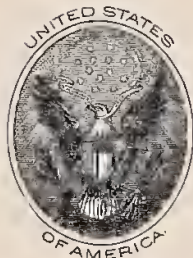
Dear Sir:

Another point: a
Bombay friend some years
ap. told me that Res Bawa
was universally loved by
the natives: he also loan
him their boats & do anything
for him with no charge.
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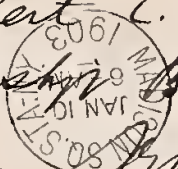
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My dear Mr. Speer
Yours of the 24th to
my little boy "W.A. B." "W.A. Putnam"
"Allen Chesterfield" he has passed on
to me! I became deeply interested in
Mr. Bowman over 30 years ago. I knew
one of his college mates, also one
of my old friends was Counsel at Bombay
& I knew him personally & Putnam I
think published a novel which he
wrote. I do not recall the title: out of
print long ago. He was a capable
man, & altho he was devoted with
hem. purse, vice to the work of
winning souls. Yet I have no record of
conversion under his preaching. He
consecrated himself & his means: His
sister I was told sent him money to pay

Yours truly,

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I hope appears as it is checked - 259 -

his passage home, for a visit,
but he used it in his work,
Would sleep on his office table
or anywhere. Ease, comfort, luxury
he ignores: as in my article
he was perhaps the best loved
man in Bombay. The Lord children
& they loved him! On his way
to Bombay, he at once on ship-
board began to preach Christ.

I sent by Express an article
written in 1871. I have no time to
copy, so inflict my pocket-book
upon you. You will find it on the
last page but one. You can keep
it as long as you wish. Baker
& Taylor Co Union Square pack
constantly for us & you can
return this them. If I am not
mistaken Rev G. C. Strong was his
classmate. His sister Mrs

Geo. A. Harris New London
Conn. may possibly have

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a reminiscence or two of the
sainted soul. Also possibly
Miss Ellen C. Parsons, Editor
in your office building may add
a word. tho' not certain. The late
Thomas S. Burnell of the ABCFm
who knew him & his work gave
me "Brown's Meditations" a grand
book. long ago

You have stirred up our
Church ladies by your helpful
& valuable books. My good
wife has ^{on her} missed ^{on her} brain! She
with one dear salutation & a
glad & useful new Year to you!
Faithfully,
Yours truly,

S. E. Bridgman

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~~Mr. Speer.~~

Mission House, Pauchigani.

May 21, 1899.

Robert E. Speer, Esq.,
136 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mr. Speer:

Your letter in regard to ~~Mr. Bowen~~ reached us after my father's death. He would have been very glad, I am sure, to do anything he could to help you in the matter. As it was, my mother asked Mr.

Ruttonji to write out a few of his recollections of Mr. Brown. Mr. Ruttonji is a converted Parsi, a retired missionary of the C. M. S.

Hoping that these incidents may be of some help to you.

Very sincerely yours,
Clara H. Bruce.

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Brooklyn July 2^d 1869

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MR. SPILLER.

Dear Matthew Spiller

I never put my eye
 on that renique & heroic George
 Brown, or ever had a line of cor-
 -respondence with him. His
 volume of "Daily Meditation" is
 the most fresh & spiritually
 fertilizing book of that kind that
 has appeared in my time; -
 its keen insight of God's Word
 of human hearts was worthy of

Ad Matthew Henry

Alexander Duff -

- whose magnificent missionary
 address was the high-water
 mark of all the eloquence

I ever heard — and George & 2
Brown were widely different
men. But it was worth
planting Christian missions
in India if it were only to
produce two such superb
successors of the Apostles.
I rejoice that you are to
give us [the record of a
life "hid with Christ in God"
but not to be hid from the
loving admiration of God's
people the world over]
Yours in Christian love
Theodore L. Buckley

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February 19th, 1903.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Secretary Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My Dear Mr. Speer:

Your letter of the 18th instant (post-marked 19th) was received by me this morning.

I regret having to inform you that I have no personal acquaintance with the Rev. George Bowen. As soon as your letter was received, I read it to the Rev. Dr. Willard M. Rice, who has been the Recording Clerk of this Board for more than forty years. He, like myself, had no personal acquaintance with Mr. Bowen, but remembers well having read letters from him to Dr. Dulles. He also mentioned that he had read the proofs of two books written by Mr. Bowen, which were published by this Board. He also stated that, in his opinion, the notices of those volumes that appeared in our old catalogue, were written by Dr. Dulles. I enclose copies of those notices.

I regret to say that I have not been able to find files of the letters received by Dr. Dulles and consequently cannot aid you in that direction. *I have, however, the Letter Books of Dr. Dulles, from which certain extracts will be copied on the enclosed sheet.*

Dr. Rice is of the opinion that it might be well for you to correspond with the sons of Dr. Dulles, one of whom, as doubtless you know, is Librarian of Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Rice,

I think, may be able to give you some interesting information. *I am convinced from conversation with the old Dr. that it would be well for you to write to him.* Truly yours,
E. N. Craven

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(Extract from a letter of the Rev. John W. Dulles, D.D., to the Rev. George Bowen, written June 1st, 1871)

It will give me great pleasure to promote the circulation of your Bible thoughts. The "Daily Meditations" have a steady sale, which I hope to keep up and increase, for I think them ~~profitable~~ eminently profitable.

(Extract from a letter to Robert Carter, Esq., from the Rev. John W. Dulles, D.D., December 3rd, 1872).

Remembering your appreciation of Bowen's Meditations, I send to you by mail a copy of a new volume from his pen-- "Love Revealed." You will find in it his characteristic depth of Christian experience. He is a rare man of God.

(Extract from a letter of the Rev. John W. Dulles, D.D., to the Rev. George Bowen, January 11th, 1873).

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The new book, "Love Revealed," I like much. It seems to me better in my home-reading, before I retire at night, than it did ~~when~~ whilst carrying it through the press. I believe it will prove truly useful to Christians desiring to get nearer to Christ and will be good seed in many souls.

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JUN 12th 1908.

My dear Dr Speer

Yours of June 6th is received.

I am glad to accede to your request, altho' I am afraid I shall not give you much of interest which you have not already received from others. I regret that my letters and diaries were lost at sea in a hurricane off Cape L'Agullas (South of Africa) on our way home from India in 1857.

My husband, Rev S. C. Dean and myself with three other missionary couples left Boston in August 1856 for Bombay. It was not till the middle of January 1857 that we arrived in that harbor, and a boat with several missionaries, among them Mr Bowen came out to the ship to welcome and take us to shore. During the month we spent in Bombay, before going to the Ahmednagar District to our work, we saw Mr Bowen several times.

The first distinct recollection I have of him was soon after our arrival, at a gathering of missionaries to welcome us new arrivals. After tea, he sat at the Piano and delighted us with several numbers. To us who had just landed, after a voyage of five months, the treat

was one never to be forgotten - He was tall ²
and thin, a cultured, well educated
gentleman and a devoted missionary -
It was a great source of anxiety and I
might say vexation to some of the ladies
of the mission, that his manner of living was
so odd and strange, and naturally, he was
often a topic of conversation - We new
missionaries were told that he slept on the
counter of the Bible & Tract society room,
that he went early in the morning to the
home of some music pupil of his, and after
giving a lesson, staid in that home for the
nine o'clock breakfast - also that his daily
luncheon consisted only of bread, butter and
plantains (bananas) and that he was so
popular among the American & English families
that he was engaged to supper somewhere every
night in the week and always on Sunday
evenings with our own missions -

at one time several of the ladies surprised
him by fitting up a comfortable room with
necessary furniture begging him to accept
of the hospitality, but he would have none
of it, saying he preferred to live in his own
simple way - his idea being that he would
by this method make himself one of the
people and do more for them -

one Sunday on our way to the church we
overtook him walking in the heat through
the street with an umbrella over his head -
He was dressed like a common Goanese
coolie, or an Indo-Briton of the lower class.

Unfortunately the Hindos is not drawn ⁽³⁾
by such an example - Caste, especially in
those years, was too iron bound and massive
to receive any impression he intended to
make - The nations of India probably looked
upon him as "low caste European."

Those however who knew his worth from long
acquaintance must have, at least in their
hearts, respected him - While all the Christian
community of Bombay loved and honored him.
Later, he left our mission and joined himself
to the American Methodist mission - We met
him now and again during our stay in India
and always enjoyed the "Bombay Guardian"
edited by him, and used with pleasure a
book of daily meditations which he published.
He looked very worn, tanned and exceedingly
thin the last time I saw him - At his
request I called on his sisters at the old
home soon after arriving in New York -

In my recent four years stay in
Bombay, I was greatly interested and pleased
to see a fine church edifice erected in his
memory in the part of the city called "The Fort"
(occupied mostly by Europeans and Parsees)
called "The Bowen Memorial" church -
It is on a prominent street, has a large
audience room, and apartments in the
upper story for the residence of the American
M.E. pastor and family - The church is
well filled by an English speaking people.
A good Sunday School is connected with

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the church, and also a devoted lady from
America who acts as Deaconess and
general helper -

I was told that he regretted some
things in his method of work and living,
and before his death said he did not
know of any whom he had brought to Christ!

It is hard to believe this, and I cannot
but feel that the last day will reveal
the good, faithful service done by that
true servant of God -

Believe me,

Yours sincerely
Augusta E. Dean

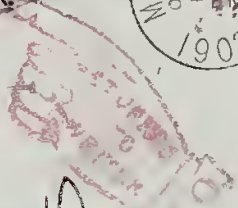
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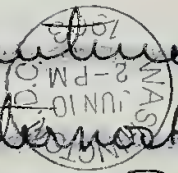
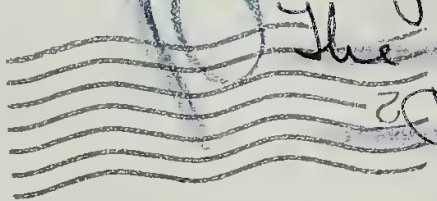


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Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly tell me what of the books or pamphlets of
George Bowen of Bombay, you publish? I shall be very much obliged for
^{a list}
~~the~~ ~~lean~~ of such.

If you have still in print Bowen's "In what style shall
we live"? I shall be much obliged if you will send me a copy. I will
remit at once, if you will let me know the price.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert Speer

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PRINCETON, N. J. Feb. 23, 1903

My dear Mr. Speer:-

In reply to yours of the 18th inst. I would say that I can give you very little assistance as to Mr. Bowen, although I well remember that my father spoke of him frequently and always with affection and high esteem. His Daily Meditations was the devotional book most used by my father and through him much used by his sons. Although none of us ever saw him, we felt as if we knew him, and he became a living factor in our lives. We thought of him as a man of strong mental gifts, but particularly as of unusual spirituality. These judgments were, of course, the result of our father's way of speaking of his friend.

I do not think any correspondence between them has been preserved. I know of none.

You have noticed that there is a very good sketch of Mr. Bowen in Bliss's Cyclopaedia of Missions. And he has mention in Anderson's India and, doubtless, in other books on missions in India.

Regretting that the above is so meagre I remain

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Dulles

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My dear Mr Speer-

In answer
to your letter, which
was forwarded to me
to my daughters, where
I have been spending
the Thanksgiving holiday.

I am sorry to say that
I have no letters from

Mr Bowen. My intercourse
with him was confined
to the Seminary. and
ceased from his de-
parture from its walls.

No one could be in Com-
munion with him with-
out being impressed
with his Eminent
spiritual life. No
one can fail to remember
his devout walking with

God. you could not be in his
presence for the shortest time
without receiving from his
conversation, earnest prompting
to a consecration of life. I don't
think any one who was familiar ^{with him},
will ever forget his spirit
and devotion. I regard my
Communion with him in our
Seminary life, as having a

Mr Bowen. My intercourse
with him was confined
to the Seminary - and
ceased from our de-
parture from its walls.

No one could be in Com-
munion with him with-
out being impressed
with his eminent
spiritual life - No
one can fail to remember
his devout walking with

great influence on my
after life - I am sorry
that I cannot give you any
incidents or anything
that would help you in
your sketch of Bowen.

I hope you may be able to
secure from others, what
may be of value to you.

At my time of life, mem-
ory is not as good as it
used to be. Did you ever
meet his sister Miss Bowen
I used to hear a good deal

of him through her. I don't
know whether she is still
living or not. One of the
missionaries out there
told me he was very care-
less about his dress. He
never would get any
new clothes, ^{which distressed them} very much so on one
occasion they got him
a new suit of clothes
and put it in his room.
He probably did not know
whether it was new or
not, but just put it on.

Hoping you will be
successful in finding
material for your book
else where.

I remain -

Your Sincere friend
Alfred W. Tashell -

B.C.A.

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December Second.

R. E. Speer

SEP-8 1936

Ans. _____

Thomas S. Donohugh.

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September 4, 1936

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

We are sorry to be so delayed in replying to your letter of July 23rd regarding the papers of Bishop J. E. Robinson. We have consulted with Dr. A. N. Warner, one of our missionaries home on furlough, and he agrees with us that the best source of information would be Bishop Robinson's daughter, Miss Ruth Robinson, a missionary of the Woman's Society of our Church, who is now home on furlough. Miss Robinson may be addressed at Box 96, Delaware, Ohio. I trust that she will be able to help you locate this material.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Thomas S. Donohugh
Thomas S. Donohugh
Associate Secretary

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CHARLES W. DULLES, M. D.

4101 WALNUT STREET

PHILADELPHIA

MAR 21 1903

MR. SPEER

March 20, 1903

Mr Robert Speer,

Dear Mr Speer:—

In reply to an inquiry addressed to me
Feb 18, I sent you on Feb 20 what information I had about
Mr Rev George Bowles of Bombay, and have not heard
from you since I fear my letter has miscarried. If this is
the case I can duplicate it, and kept a copy—

Yours truly

Charles W. Dulles

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
REV. J. H. DULLES
LIBRARIAN

FEB 27 1903

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 26, 1903

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I have no doubt that the letters from Mr. Bowen to my father were destroyed long ago. I well remember the boxes full of old letters in the garret of our Chestnut Street house, over which we used to stumble in the darkness of that fascinating playground of our childhood. There is the barest possibility that these boxes may still be there. Sometimes such things are left undisturbed. My brother Charles could easily find out about this, as the old house is within a square of his own. But my father was much given to incendiarism.)

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Dulles

CHARLES W. DULLES, M.D.
. 4101 WALNUT STREET
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MR. SPEER.

February 20, 1903.

Rev. Robert E. Speer.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I well remember my father's great affection for Mr. Bowen and the sympathy he felt for his spirituality and devotion as a missionary. At the time when my father was preparing for publication Bowen's book of "Daily Meditations," he often spoke to me of his admiration for Bowen's independent and self-sacrificing labors in India. In the preface to the "Meditations," signed with my father's initials, you will see something of his appreciation of the book. I think that my father's ideals in the missionary field were most fully exemplified by the Rev. Miron Winslow, the Rev. Allen Macy, the Rev. George Bowen, and the Rev. Epaminondas Pierce.

I am sorry that I have none of the letters from Mr. Bowen to my father, although I have seen many of them.

I would be very glad to help you further if I could, for I shall never outlive my love and respect for my father's friends who were, with him, missionaries in the early days of heroism and isolation in China, India and Africa.

Yours sincerely,

Charles W. Dulles

asprou J. F. Edwards

THE UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
OF WESTERN INDIA
7 SHOLAPUR ROAD
POONA, INDIA

at
London

May 6/37

My dear Dr Speer

Your letter of April 19
has caught me here just before
we sail back to India on May 14.

The Dnyanodaya began in
1842 & was started by the
A. B. C. F. M. who conducted it
until December 1918. In January
1919 it began, and remains, a
union paper under the control of
six missions: ⁽¹⁾A. B. C. F. M., ⁽²⁾Yorowon,
⁽³⁾W. E. Church, ⁽⁴⁾British Methodist Church
Mission Socy, ⁽⁵⁾Church of Scotland, &
⁽⁶⁾Church of the Brethren.
God bless your book (I wonder how yours
decided its title) & its author. Yours heartily
J. F. Edwards

Quarhan, Mr A. N. Sudarisanam Wood's Rd. Mount Rd. Madras.
as for The Bombay Guardian ceased publication
in 1918, there being a small missionary committee
in control in Bombay the last few months, to which
I was a member, as I was also the contributor
to the last few months of the middle page on "current
events." If I see you in New York when I hope to be there
some time before March, I can tell you one or two
interesting episodes about the winding up. This
was carried into effect by Mr Backhouse (initials
B. H. J.), then of Hongkong, who came to Bombay for
the purpose. Perhaps he was sent away though but at the
Nagpur Conference on Church Union (about 1932) concerning
All-India Union when I represented both British Methodists
& the United Ch. of N. India, Miss Backhouse was present so
you could write to her in that connection, not Hongkong
itself I think. That you need to look up. (3) My impression is that
William Paton at Edinburgh might be able to find out for you
whether anyone in London belonging to The Friends could help you.
Pardon pen & ink scrawl. I have no typewriter at hand.
God bless all & ever yours
G. S. Edwards

J. F. Edwards

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From

THE ENGLISH EDITOR
The Rev. J. F. Edwards

DNYANODAYA

('Rise of Knowledge')

Telegraphic Address : Fernstalk, Poona

United Theological College of Western India,

7, Shelapur Road,

POONA, INDIA.

as from
Warton House 138 Hancock St
Auburndale, Mass

Oct 17/36

My dear Dr Speer

Your letter of August 11 has reached me today at Cleveland in the midst of a fun-bough speaking - to we all next March when we return to India.

It is cheering to know a life of George Bowen^{is} in prospect. Both about the Bombay merchant & the sericide discussions I think the only people who can answer your queries are: (1) The Friends (or Quakers) missionaries named Backhouse at stations like Hoshangabad & the surrounding district: see the latest Directories for full names & addresses, as I have no directory near me; possibly, though not so likely as the Backhouse family, (2) the Editor of The

Mrs. Holmes Torrey

R. E. Spear

MAR 1 1901



PRINCETON, N. J.

MG

A.B.S.

March 14th.

Dear Dr. Spear,

Whereas is in
Chicago, - I have been
away from Princeton
and this seems
to be my first
opportunity to reply
to your letter to
Holmes.

The person who could
give you a great
deal of information
about Mr George Kittredge
would be the step-
daughter of Dr. Abbott
Kittredge.

Mrs. Howard Kirkland
445 E. 65th Street
Telephone Regent 4-5085
She is far from well and
has a great deal of
trouble with her hands
so it would be

difficult for her to
revisit the material.
Her mother was
the second wife of
Dr. Abbott Kittredge &
a sister of Mrs. Freery
Tansley's. I think that
Mrs. Kirkland would
be glad to come to your
office and talk to
you about George Kittredge.
However is unprepared
of this course and
I am sure would be
only too happy to

ask her to get in
touch with you
if you wish
to do so but you will
probably prefer to
send her word about
this matter. Please
remember me to
your wife and with
most cordial greetings
to you as well, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Marion S. Joseph

(Mrs. Helen Joseph)

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Jessie L. Farnum

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WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

August 26, 1936

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 12, with reference to the author of the introduction to George Bowen's "Amens of Christ" or his "Life Fulfilled" or his "Daily Meditations", was referred upon its receipt to Mr. Roberts, the Superintendent of the Reading Rooms. He now reports that the title page of our copy of "The Amens of Christ" by George Bowen bears the wording "Introduction by Daniel Steele, D.D." The introduction begins "Having repeatedly urged the republication ..." and closes "Reading, January, 1886."

Very truly yours,

Jessie L. Farnum
Secretary of the Library

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, Jan. 30th, 1903.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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OFFICE

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I trust you do not think that I have been carelessly or purposely neglecting your request with regard to information concerning Rev. George Bowen.

I am sending you herewith a statement of files of The Indian Witness and The Bombay Guardian which are to be found at Drew Theological Seminary. Also a letter from Boston regarding the present address of Dr. Daniel Steele.

It may be of interest to you to know that our beloved Bishop Andrews presided at the Conference in India when, as I understand it, George Bowen received his first appointment as a Methodist worker.

I hope to be able to report on other matters not very long hence.

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. H. Fahs

Zion's Herald

36 Bromfield Street.

CHARLES PARKHURST, EDITOR.
GEO. E. WHITAKER, PUBLISHER.

BOSTON, July 29 1903

My dear Fabs,
Yours of 28th
at hand. Dr
Daniel Steele is
still in the tabernacle
of the flesh and
lives at Milton,
Mass. We gladly
send the Herald
to your personal
address.

Cordially,

Charles Parkhurst,

Files at Drew Theological Seminary.

THE INDIAN WITNESS.

Vol. I & 2 to May 17, 1872, called The Witness. Then Lucknow
Witness to vol. 11. From vol. 12 on, called The Indian Witness.

Vol.	Yr.	
I.	1871-2	Nov. 10, '71 and from Jan. 5, '72 all but Jan. 12 Mch. 15, Aug. 9.
2.	'73	Beginning Jan. 3, complete.
3.	'74	" " 2 lacks: Feb. 6, Mch 13, May 1, June 19, July 17 & 28, Aug. 14, Oct. 9 & 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 4 & 11.
4.	'75	Has Jan. 1, 15, 22, Feb. 5, Apr. 9, 23, 30.
6.	'76	Has Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 2, 16, 23, Mch. 2, 9, 16, 30, Apr. 6, 13, May 4, & Aug. 3.
8.	'78	Has Aug. 16, 23, Sep. 6.
10.	'80	Has Dec. 17, 24, 31.
11.	'81	Beginning Jan. 7, complete except June 17, Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4.

INDIAN WITNESS.

12.	'82	Has Apr. 22, 29, May 6, 13, 27, June 24, July 8, 29, Aug. 12, 19, Sept. 2, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2, 23.
13.	'83	Has June 2, 9, Aug. 4, 18, 25, Sept. 8 to Oct. 27 inclu- sive, Nov. 10, to Dec. 22 inclusive.
14.	'84	Complete.
15.	'85	Complete.
16.	'86	Complete except Feb. 20.
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18.	'88	Complete except Jan. 7, Feb. 25, Apr. 14, July 7, Nov. 24, Dec. 8.
19.	'89	Complete, except Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mch 30, June 15, 22, 29, Nov. 30.
20.	'90	Complete, except Sept. 6.
21.	'91	Complete, except Dec. 26.

BOMBAY GUARDIAN.

- 1888, Has May 19.
1889, Has Oct. 12, Nov. 2 & 30, Dec. 7, 21, 28.
1890, Complete, except July 14, Dec. 20.
1892, Complete, except Sept. 3, Nov. 19, part of Dec. 31.

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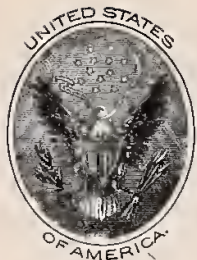
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Dear Mr. Speer:-

Rev. W. H. Stephens, a veteran
missionary from church from Bombay
has just reached America and may
be addressed at 25-11 Prairie Ave.,
Milwaukee, Wis. Up to the present I have
not found the address of Ross Taylor. It is possible that
he prefers it should not be known.

C. A. Fahs

Please give your Conference every time you write.



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Mr Robert E Speer
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N.Y.

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150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, June 20, 1906

Dear Mr. Speer:-

The Missionary Society now has in its possession an oil-portrait of George Bowen, which is at your service for reproduction in your biographical sketch, if you so desire. Up till this time a print from a wood-cut was the best likeness that we had.

Sincerely yours,

To

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York.

Chas. H. Fahs

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MR. SPEER

150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK,

November 23, 1907.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

Several weeks ago the Rev. Lewis E. Linzell, of Bombay, who for some years was pastor of our Bowen Methodist Episcopal Church in that city, was in New York and I suggested that he call on you to see if he could be of any service with reference to your work on the life of George Bowen, for whom his Church was named. Mr. Linzell, I think, knows where good portraits of George Bowen can be had, if you have never been able to secure one, and may be able to refer you to possible sources of information as yet untouched. I learned on reaching the office this week, after an absence of several weeks, that Mr. Linzell was unable to find you in your office. Accordingly, I am addressing this note to you. Mr. Linzell is at 37 Oak Hill Avenue, Delaware, Ohio. I am sure he will be glad to be of any possible service to you.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Fahs

To

The Rev. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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New York Jan 3, 1903

Dear Mr. Speer :-

Here is a little start on the Bowen material.

In the Christian Advocate (N.Y.) for 1888, p. 120, fourth column you will find a column estimate of George Bowen by Bishop Thoburn. This file may be consulted in the office of the Advocate, fifth floor, 150 Fifth Ave -

✓ In the Gospel in All Lands, for March, 1888, ^{p. 135} there is a page article on George Bowen. This file, I think, is in your Mission Library. If not, I have it in my office.

✓ In the book by Bp. William Taylor entitled: "Four Years' Campaign in India,"

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New York.....

p. 237, you will find a short estimate of Bown, and a little account of his joining our work. On page 389 there are two editorials by Bown regarding Bp. Taylor's work.

✓ In Bp Taylor's book "Ten Years of Relief Supporting Missions in India" pages 338 and 433 you will find interesting references to Bown. There are many other less formal references to him in the fore part of the book.

✓ In Bp Taylor's book "Story of My Life," pp. 542 ⁶³³ & ff. there are repeated references to Bown's preaching in Bombay. The first ^{two} of these ~~three~~ books may be found in our Methodist library, 150 Fifth

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Arrive - Third floor, back of the Board Room -
The "Story of My Life" may be in the
Missionary library. If not, you might
consult it at the "Subscription Book
Department" of our Book Concern. It
costs \$3⁵⁰ and is sold only on sub-
scription. I think there is no copy in
our Methodist library.

Of all this material Thoburn's
article is most suggestive -

So much for a start. I shall
hope to send you further notes later.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. H. Fahs

Vadala Va Varatara
India.

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Dear Mr. Speer: -

JUL 20 1880

Your letter re:
Mr. Speer.
George Brown to hand. I do
not find anything in what
is left of my father's corre-
spondence, as almost all of
it was destroyed years ago.

As a child I was very fond
of the man to whom children
turned as their father.

Of course you have his Daily Medi-
tations? I am sorry I cannot
be of any use to you in this
matter.

Yours sincerely

E Fairbank

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MR. SPEER.

Dear Mr. Speer:

In a book entitled "Is Christianity True?", is a series of lectures given in the Central Hall, London, and published in this country by Jennings & Graham, of Cincinnati, I find one lecture entitled "The Witness of Foreign Missions" by Rev. Henry Haigh. Mr. Haigh gives the most of two pages to an estimate of the character of George Bowen, whom he says he knew in India. The reference begins on page 183. I thought perhaps you would be glad to know about it.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. H. Fahs

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February 10, 1943

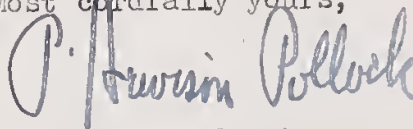
Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

I have just finished reading your book "George Bowen of Bombay" and want to thank you again for what has been a most enriching experience. I have read the book slowly, reading a little every day for some weeks. I find that books of that sort will not yield their full value unless treated in that fashion.

Your portrayal of Mr. Bowen makes the reading of the book an inescapable occasion for heart-searching of oneself. Thank you for writing it and for sending me a copy!

Most cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "P. Hewison Pollock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

P. Hewison Pollock

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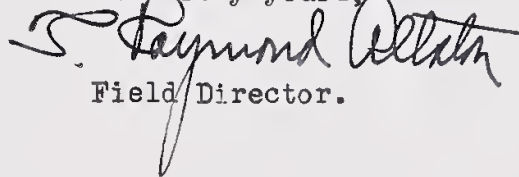
Dear Dr. Speer:

I am having a very interesting time with "George Bowen", thanks to your kindness for sending me a copy of the book. One needs only an introduction to the earlier years of Mr. Bowen's life to discover something of the unusual character which he came to be. The book is growing on me and I find myself eager to follow through and explore the remaining chapters of his life.

I hope you are keeping well these days and are enjoying the blessings of the New Year.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Field Director.

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Paul R. Kirts
1011 Pleasant St.
Miles City, Montana

February 2, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

It has been a great privilege to read "George Bowen of Bombay." I feel that I am a better man. My thought is that you have done a real service by putting so much of Bowen's writings between book covers.

With a grateful heart and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Paul R. Kirts